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To The Right Hon^{ble} the Lords Commissioners for Trade & ^[1.5]
Plantations.

The Memorial of Col^l Spotswood, late Lt. Govern.
-or of Virginia

Humbly sheweth

That the present Lieut Governor, M^r Drysdale, having sent some Queries to your Lordships, concerning certain Grants for Land within the Counties of Brunswick & Spotsylvania in Virginia, & the same having been referred to His Maty's Attorney & Solicitor General for their Opinion thereon, those two Gentlemen some time ago made their Report, wherein they leave several Points to be wholly determined by His Maty's Pleasure.

That your Memorialist being deeply concerned in y^e Result of this Affair, is at this time making Application to His Majesty for his Royal Interposition in his particular Case: But that in y^e mean while he is apprehensive of M^r Drysdale's Correspondents here transmitting to him the said Report, & that some Persons in Virginia may, from some parts thereof, be encouraged to attempt by strictness of Law to divest your Memorialist of his Possessions, while the Equity of his Cause is depending before his Majesty.

That such Apprehension is not without grounds, since he has very lately received advice of Designs of that Kind having been formed upon the Surmize of Your Memorialist's

Lands not being all saved by a sufficient Seating; we^h has obliged his Attorneys there to prove, wth much Trouble & Expence, that he has already made more Improvements thereon, than the Law requires.

And lastly that should y^e present L^d Governor be wil-
-ling to understand the Report of y^e Attorney & Solicitor
General, so far forth as they have positively delivered their
Opinion in point of Law, to be a sufficient direction for
him to proceed against y^e Patentees, notwithstanding y^e same
has not been transmitted to him by your Lordsh^{ps}, such
Proceeding might prove of extream prejudice to your Me.
-morialist at this juncture, when he has y^e Misfortune
to be deprived of y^e chief Manager of his concerns in
Virginia, who Dyed y^e 8th of last Month (March) according
to certain advices, which he has just received.

[p.6] / Wherefore your Memorialist Prays that Your Lord-
-ships would be pleased to let the present L^d Governor in
Virginia Understand that, as to the Points, which he has
laid in question before your Lordships Board, with re-
-spect to the Brunswick & Spotsylvania Grants, he ought
not to make any steps therein before His Majesty's Plea-
-sure be signified, in regard to the Patentees of those Lands.

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Virginia

[H.17]

Mem^o. from Col. Spotswood
 late L. Gov^r of Virginia
 praying that all Proceedings
 relating to certain Grants in
 y^e Counties of Brunswick and
 Spotsylvania concerning w^{ch} Mr. Attorⁿ
 & Mr. Soll^r Gen^l have lately made
 a Report, may be stay'd till his
 M^{aj}^r Pleasure shall be declared
 thereupon

Recd }
 Read } April 28th 1726.

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To

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The Kings most Excellent Majesty
The Case & Petition of Col: Alex: Spotswood, late Lt.
Governor of Virginia

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner, during his Administration
of the said Government, being led by a Publick Spirit
& a dutiful Regard to your Majestys Pleasure, did upon
receiving, from y^e Lords Commissioners for Trade & Planta-
tions, Directions for making Hemp & Tar, & also upon see-
ing your M^{ty}s Speech to y^e Parliament, for raising Na-
val Stores in the Plantations, judge it incumbent on him
to promote y^e same within his Province, & thereupon
deeply embarked himself in such Designs, by taking up
for that purpose large tracts of the browns Desert
Lands, which nobody had yet dared to venture upon.
by reason of their being too remote & exposed to In-
dian Incursions

That after an excessive deal of Trouble, Risque &
Expence, & particularly in Importing about 300 Persons
for carrying on these Undertakings, he hath brought
them such a length, as to ship home y^e first Pig-Iron,
& y^e first Hemp of Virginia growth, that ever were
known to be imported into Great Britain: Besides prov-
ing by Experiments that, in those American Parts, neither
y^e Tar can be made according to y^e directions of the

Act of Parliament, without y^e peculiar Skill of Finland
Tar-Burners, nor y^e Hemp ever be raised to any per-
fection from the English, or the East County Seed.

That not only such Discoveries, made at your
Petitioner's sole cost, may be deemed a Publick Benefit;
but also y^e early Fruits of his Labours are found to
be Valuable to y^e Nation: For his new Iron has con-
tinually grown in demand wth all those Iron-Masters
in England, who have hitherto made trial thereof;
& his new Hemp is proved to be considerably Superior
to y^e best Russia, & equal in Strength with y^e best Riga
Hemp: As may appear by y^e Report from y^e Officers
of Woolwich Yard, to y^e Comiss^r of your Maty's Navy,
made in October last.

But your Petitioner is now laid under y^e neces-
sity of Representing, that after He had involved him-
self in these publick Undertakings & Land Concerns, &
had been superseded in his Government, his Successor
obtained y^e Lords Justices Order, bearing date y^e 6th Aug.
1723; by one clause whereof (which he humbly presumes
would not have been inserted, had the Law of y^e
Colony, for Seating Lands, been considered at y^e same
time) He is now in danger of being cruelly construed
out of y^e greatest part of his present Possessions.

That y^e Difficulties raised from this clause by y^e
present Lt Governor, have intirely frustrated y^e declared

Intent of y^e Order; & instead of a Gracious Grant, & a bountiful Incouragement to venture upon exposed Lands, the unhappy Adventurers, without your M^{ty}'s favourable Explanation of that clause, are likely to find nothing but Snares, Punishment, & Ruin, for their forwardness to promote the apparent Good of their Country.

/That moreover your Pet^r being obliged, by his ^[p. 58] Removal from y^e Government, & some other Discouragements, to forbear carrying on y^e said Undertakings in so extensive a manner, as it was at first intended, He is likely to be too heavily burthened wth y^e Quit-rents of useless Lands, unless your M^{ty} shall be graciously pleased to ease him in y^e charge thereof; or at least allow him to make a Surrender of such Lands, as He had taken up wth y^e view of making Tar.

And to the end Your Pet^r may appear a worthy Object of your Royal Justice & Favour on this occasion, He humbly begs leave to make y^e following Observations;

- 1st That it was his zeal to promote what appeared to be your Majesty's Pleasure, & the Nation's Interest, w^{ch} first engaged him in these Land-concerns.
- 2nd That He has already very dearly purchased from other claimants their Right to those Lands, & fully comply'd with y^e Law of y^e Colony in making sufficient Improvements thereon.
- 3rd That they being such Lands, w^{ch} for their Remoteness

& dangerous Situation Nobody had before dared to venture upon. He has been obliged to Seat them with a formidable Strength; & so run a mighty Risque, as well as been at an extraordinary Charge, in maintaining the Possession of them, until he happily obtained of the Five Nations of Indians to relinquish their Pretensions thereto.

^{thly} That to compass this Point He travelled Twelve hundred Miles, & not only underwent the Fatigue of a Three Months Expedition, but also bore Six Hundred Pounds of y^e Expence thereof; which he has never yet been reimbursed.

And lastly that He, not only in his Treaty with y^e said Five Nations obtained a quiet Cession of about Three Millions of Acres of Land to the Crown; but also, by new Regulations of his own forming while he was Governor, so improved your Matys Revenue of Quit rents in Virginia, that from an annual Income of about One Thousand Pounds, they have been augmented to Three Thousand Pounds Sterl^d p Annum.

Wherefore your Pet^r humbly Prays that, in Consideration of the Advantages which have accrued, both to the Crown & Nation, by his Means & Industry, & at his Risque & Charge, your Majesty would be Graciously pleased so to Expound & Explain the said Order of their Excell^{ties} y^e Lords Justices, that He may remain in clear

& Quiet Possession of his Lands, & may reap, with Others
of your Subjects the Benefit of the Seven Years Remission
of Rights & Quitrents, granted by that Order.

And that Your M^{ty} would moreover allow your
Pet^r to Surrender such Lands, as He had taken up with
y^e view of making Tar: Or else Grant, for an Encourage-
ment to Him to go on with the Undertaking, that He
should hold those Lands for the yearly Quit rent of
a Barrell of Tar: In w^{ch} last case He will do his ut-
most to procure, at his own Expence, from Finland,
Men skilled in making Tar from Green Pines, as y^e Act
of Parliament directs.

And as in Duty bound shall ever Pray &c.

A Spotswood

Endorsed Case & Petition / Of Ed^d. Spotswood, wth respect to
his / Lands in Virginia

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Whitehall July 27th 1726.

His Majesty is graciously pleased to refer this Petition to the Right Hon^{ble} the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations to consider thereof, and report their opinion what His Majesty may fitly do therein, whereupon His Majesty will declare his further Pleasure

Holles Newcastle

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Sir

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I Desire you to lay before the Right Hon^{ble}
the Lords Comm^{rs} for Trade & Plantations the Inclosed
copy of a letter I received from his Ma^{ty} Receiver Gener-
al (who is now in the Council) about the two New Coun-
ties of Spotsylvania & Brunswick in Virginia which will
be necessary to be perused by their Lord^{ships} in answer
to the Representations of Col. Spotswood, which obliges me
to send it, though I had not otherwise intended, it
being dated almost two Years ago.

I am with the greatest esteem

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Peter Leheup

Treary Chambers 15th Febr^y 1725/6

Alured Popple Esq.

Endorsed Virginia / re from Mr Leheup. Agent / for Vir. [p.62]
ginea, inclosing an Extract / of One from the Receiver Genl /
relating to the 2 New Counties / of Spotsylvania & Brunswick /

Read Febr^y 15th } 1725/6 | R:9
Read Septem^r: 8: } 1726 |

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Extract of a letter from John Grymes Esq. his Ma^{ty}
Receiver General Dated Virginia May the 25th 1724

"Col. Spotswood has so embarrassed the affair of
the Land in Spotsylvania County, by granting vast
tracts of it (after he knew he was removed from the
Government) without rights, or a proper security for the
payment of the value of 'em, that the Governmt. is now
at a loss how to proceed in it agreeably to the Order
of the Lords Justices relating thereto. The first time
their Lordps Order was laid before the Council here,
I was (as Receiver Gen^l) ordered to Demand the Rights
and Quitrents due on all those Grants that contained
more than 1000 Acres of Land, This Col. Spotswood and
some other Gent^l concerned thought not agreeable to the
Intention of their Excellencies order, and thereupon made
great blamour which being sensible of I thought it
my Duty to Acquaint the Gov^r therewith And also to
represent to him (as my opinion) that none of those
Patents were valid in Law, having been granted with-
out rights, contrary to the Law and Custom of the
Colony, And that the receiving the consideration money
mentioned in the said Patents (which is the Rights) and
the Quitrents due thereon, was the only way left to
strengthen and make valid these Grants: Thereupon his
Honour was pleased to desire me not to proceed in

"demanding either the rights or Quitrents untill he could
 "conveniently call a Council to consider further of
 "that matter since which he has been pleased to pro-
 "pose his Doubts in this Affair to the Council, and I
 "think they have Unanimously advised that the offi-
 "cers of the Revenue should not demand either the
 "Rights or Quitrents, according to the former order, un-
 "till his M^t Pleasure be further known therein, least
 "the Acceptance thereof should be taken as an Allow-
 "ance or Approbation of the Grants: And it was then
 "agreed that the Case should be fully Stated, and
 "sent to the board of Trade for their Lordships direc-
 "tions therein.

"I Presume Sir this affair will pass thro' Your
 "hands whereby you will be fully apprized of it by
 "[p. 64] Authentick writings; But hearing that / Col^o Spotswood
 "designs to England on this occasion, and knowing his
 "good will towards me, I beg leave to Observe a few
 "things to you, for the clearing some facts which I
 "apprehend he may endeavour to make appear like Negli-
 "gence in the V^{ty}

"That all Patents being constantly prepared and
 "passing the Seal of the Colony, at the Secretarys Office
 "Neither the Deputy Aud^t or Rec^t gen^l have any direc-
 "tion in issuing them.

"That till this Instance it has never been known

that any Patent has passed in that office, without rights regularly produced.

"That at the time Col. Spotswood signed those Patents he acted as Secretary having done so from the death of Secretary Locke, till the arrival of the present Gov: whereby he is answerable for all omissions in the Secretarys Office during that time.

"That altho the bonds taken by Col. Spotswood's direction at the Secretarys Office in lieu of the Rights, are upon a contingency made payable to the Receiver General, That officer never was acquainted therewith, but the bonds were kept at the Secretarys Office, in a manner concealed from him.

"That when the Clerk of the Secretarys Office who is Col. Spotswoods principal Patentee had taken some bonds requiring an Absolute payment of the money to the Receiver General, if his Majesty did not grant a remission of the rights Col. Spotswood gave him another form of the bonds, whereby the Patentee is left at liberty to surrender his grant or to produce Importation rights.

"That in Col. Spotswoods own case no bonds at all are given.

"That besides the two large grants to Hickman, Jones, & Colayton of 68 000 Acres for Col: Spotswoods use he holds in the same County 2539 1/2 Acres by regular patents

"granted before the Address of the Council + Burgesses to
"his Majesty.

"That Hickman the same clerk of the Secretarys Office
"has since the Arrival of the present Governour prepared
"several patents for Land in Spotsylvania County upon
"the same footing, which the Gov^r being a stranger has
"signed. What contrivance there may be in this I can't
"say; but I verily beleive the Gov^r will not in forming
"the Representation conceal any thing he has done.

Westm^r Sept^r 10th 1736 [p 69]

Sir

Yours of the 5th instant, containing certain Queries for me to Answer, could not but lay me under some concern, to observe that all that I had already taken pains to offer to your Board, with Respect to my Lands in Virginia, have been hardly considered by their Lordships; for I cannot more particularly set forth the Points now in Question, than I have already done, by the several Papers of mine, now in your Office: And I hope their Lordships will not lay me under such a Disadvantage, in pleading my own cause, as to require me to answer their Queries, abstractedly of all those Circumstances, which make for me; but will admit me to be present, when the Board take my Affair under their Consideration, & then allow me to point out to their L^{ds} where I have answered their Queries.

But I am somewhat Surprized at the Purport & tendency of these Queries, which look as if their Lordships were upon Trying y^e legal Right that I have to my Lands (in w^{ch} case I hope to be allowed to appear by my Council) whereas I was only in expectation of their examining into a Petition, which humbly begged an Indulgence of his M^{ty}, viz^t such a favourable Construction of the Lords Justices Order, for the Incouragement of the Two new Counties, that his Royal Bounty might be extended to

me, as well as some others of his Subjects in Virginia:
And as I Petitioned for this Favour, in consideration of
certain meritorious Services alledged to have been perform-
ed, & also of a Publick Benefit proposed to be still under-
taken at my Charge, I could understand y^e Reference to
your Board to have no other Meaning, than that their
Lordships should examine into y^e Truth & merits of the
Services alledged & into the Importance of the Proposal: &
accordingly to Report whether they found y^e Petitioner
an Object worthy of his Matys Favour, & his Undertakings
fit to be encouraged by the Crown.

I am

Sir

Your Most Humble Servant

A. Spotswood

Wth Secretary Popple

[1-72] Endorsed Virginia / Ltr from Col: Spotswood / in answer
to some Queries / sent him the 8: Inst relating / to his
Lands in Virginia. / Reed Septem^r 12th / Read 17th } 1726. / R: 10.

Sir /

Having by your letter of the 8th Instant received the Lords Commissioners for Trade & Plantations commands to send my Answer to some Queries therein sent as soon as possible, I thought it my Duty to answer them Immediately in the best manner I could, which you will find written under the Queries, and I hope their Lordships will excuse any Insufficiency in them since I can only alledge what I am Acquainted with from others.

I am with the greatest esteem

Sir

Your most obedient humble servant

Peter Leheup

Treasury Chamber 9th Septem^r 1736

Entered Virginia / Recd from M^r Leheup Agent for / ^[1-82]
 Virginia, inclosing his Answer to / several Queries relating
 to Col^l Spotswood's Grants of Land. / Recd Septem^r: 9th } 1736. /
 Read 15th } 14th

R: 11

1. What Number of Acres Col: Spotswood Possessed?
2. By Virtue of what Grants he holds them?
3. When those Grants bore Date?
4. Whither all the regular & accustomed Steps were pursued in the Obtaining and making out those Grants?
5. What are the usual Rights requisite to be produced upon the making of Grants?
6. When are these Rights payable?

1 As to the 1st His Mat: Receiver general there, being apprehensive he should be taxed with Negligence, Informed me of the Nature of those Grants And says That there are Two large Grants made to Hickman, Jones & Clayton of 65000 Acres for Col. Spotswood's use besides 25391 Acres which he held by regular Patents granted before the Address made to his Majesty

3 And as to the Date of the Grants, the 25391 Acres appear to have been granted before the Address on which their Lordps made a Report & ye 65000 Acres were as I am Informed by the Lieut Gov: & Rec: Gen: Grant: ed about the time of the Colonels being superseded for ye Govern:

2 That these Grants for 65000 Acres were signed by Col. Spotswood himself at a time when he Acted as

Secretary as the said Rec^d Informs me during the Va.
cancy thereof, and afterwards passed the Seal of
the Colony in like manner by his Order.

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That the said Rec^d Gen^l & y^e Lieut. Gov^r also do likewise
alledge that these Grants were not passed in the usual
form there having been no money paid for the rights
to the said 68000 Acres or any Importation rights pro-
duced before the sealing of the Lease, which are the
usual steps taken in such cases And that the Quit-
rents were not for a long time afterwards paid for
the same, Notwithstanding which the said Grants for
68000 acres are mentioned to be made In considera-
tion of y^e purchase of Rights being already paid in
money.

5 The Rights when paid in money are 5 skill^s Stilg for
every fifty Acres or else Such a right is obtained by
the Importation of a White Man.

6 The said Receiver General does avow that till this Ins-
tance no Grants were ever made in the Colony without
such payments made before the sealing of the Lease (there
being I beleive an Instruction and also an Act of As-
sembly requiring the same) But the reason why these
methods were then laid aside was the Address (as is
alleged) that was made to his Majesty for a remission
of the Quitrents & Purchase of Rights on which no Answer
was then obtained.

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Queries

[1793]

Proposed by y^e Lords Comiss^{rs} for Trade & Plantations,

and

Answered by Col^o Spotswood,

& also

Further Explained by his annexed Case.

1 Query... What Number of Acres Col^o Spotswood possessed?

Answer He is possessed, in Virginia, of the several parcels of Land, viz^t. The Lower Massaponax Tract, consisting of 1350 Acres: The Upper Ditto, of 500: The York tract, of 1920: Barrows tract of 177: The Germanna tract, of 3229: The Wilderness tract, of 3065: The Mine. company Tract, of 15000: The Spot:sylvania company tract, of 40,000: & the intervening Lands, wh^{ch} were taken up, to join the six last mentioned Tracts together, of 19786: Making in the whole 85,027 Acres.

2. Query... By virtue of what Grants he holds them

Answer ... He holds them by lawful Deeds of conveyance, upon valuable Considerations paid to the respective Proprietors thereof; who held them by Patents, which had been Granted by several of the King's Gov. ernors, pursuant to a Power they had from the Crown.

3 Query... When those Grants bore Date?

Answer. . . . The four first mentioned Tracts were Patented before y^e Year 1707: The Germanna Tract, in y^e Year 1716: The Hilderness-tract, & Mine-company tract, in the year 1719: And the two last abovementioned Tracts, in the Year 1722.

4th Qu. . . . Whether all the regular & accustomed Steps were pursued, in y^e obtaining & making out these Grants?

Answer. . . . As to those Grants, which were passed by former Governors, Col^o Spotswood may well suppose, y^e all the Requisites were complyd with; since he never heard ought suggested to y^e contrary: And as to y^e Germanna-tract, Hilderness-tract, & Mine-tract, passed under his Administration; he is very confident that all y^e regular & accustomed Steps were pursued, in y^e obtaining & making out those Grants: As he will also maintain, y^e y^e two other Tracts, granted in the Year 1722, were Entered for, Surveyed, & Patented, strictly in y^e same manner, as had been directed in Council, for all Lands to be taken up within y^e two new Counties. And if, in the passing these two Grants, there appears One Omission, of y^e Patentees not giving Bond, for answering the Rights; Col^o Spotswood averts that such Omission escaped his knowledge, until he returned from Albany, & found himself / Superseded in his Government: And then he not only offered to execute

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Bonds for that purpose, but he also wrote to y^e Auditor of y^e King's Revenues in Virginia telling him, that he was ready to pay whatever were the Demands of y^e Government upon him, for his Lands. But the Receiver General, Mr. Grymes (who has ever shew'd himself a violent Opponent to Col: Spotswood) refused to receive either the Rights or Quitrents, of those two Tracts; plainly enough declaring, least his Acceptance of such Payments should make good a Title to his Lands. However it is to be remarked, that y^e Spot.-sylvania-company's Tract, of 40,000 Acres, includes two former Surveys, of near 14,000 Acres, for which the usual Rights had heretofore been lodged in the Office, conformably to y^e general Practice, when those Surveys were made: And Mr Robert Beverley, in Assigning over those two Surveys to the Spot.-sylvania company, charged them with his Disbursements, for those same Rights.

5 Qu What are the usual Rights requisite to be produced, upon y^e making of Grants?

Answer: Three sorts of Rights have been known in Virginia, to entitle a Person to a Grant of y^e King's Land there; viz. Importation-Rights, w^{ch} were established by y^e King's Charter, & therein declared to have been used & allowed, from y^e first Seating of that Colony; Money-Rights, w^{ch} were created, about y^e year 1702, by

ye Authority of ye Governor & Council; & Bounty - Rights, w^{ch} either from ye Sovereign's Liberality, or from some prudential Views of ye Government, have from time to time been Allowed of. But ye two first Sorts, are ye usual Rights requisite to be produced; w^{ch} ye Takers up of Land are at liberty to tender indifferently as they think fit: and ye Practice of every Grantee is, first to prove all his Importation - Rights, & then to Pay ye Ballance of the Demand with Money - Rights. And as to ye third Sort, there are several Instances of Grants passing with them -- Thus all those Tracts of Land, w^{ch} were laid off on James River, for ye French Refugees -- Thus the 10,000 Acres Survey'd, on Black Water, for the Col. - lege -- Thus ye like Tract in Pamunkey Neck, appropriated to ye same Use -- Thus ye twenty odd Thousand Acres, laid off for ye Christanna - Indians -- And thus the Ten Thousand Acres, w^{ch} Col^d Edmund Jennings, on suggestion of some Services performed was allowed to take up; were all Granted upon Bounty - Rights.

6.2u When are these Rights payable?

Answer. . . They are demandable by ye Surveyors, at ye time of Entering for ye Land, in order to be transmitted, along wth ye Survey, to ye Patent Office: But altho' those Officers sometimes oblige such persons, whose Payment of their Fees they mistrust, to Deposit ye Rights in their

hands, yet y^e general Practice, allowed to others, is to lodge
their Rights themselves in y^e Office, when they apply for
y^e making out their Patents. And upon Erecting y^e bound-
-ties of Brunswick + Spotsylvania, y^e Governmt. of Vir-
-ginia thought fit to direct, y^e no Rights should be de-
-manded for Land taken up within those two Counties,
until y^e King's Pleasure should be known, wth respect to
y^e Assembly's Address to his Maty, for a Remission of
the Rights.

The Case

Of Col: Spotswood, with respect to his Lands
within the new bounty of Spotsylvania, in
Virginia

As Col: Spotswood, while he Governed in Virginia, never took up Land from the Crown, on any other Terms, than what were offered in common to every Subject there; so neither has any Person ever yet appeared to claim a Right to any part of the Lands, which he holds: And notwithstanding he was Vested with the chief Command of that Colony, & so might have prevailed over y^e Interests of Others, & have expected the Surveyors to favour him in their Surveys; yet never was y^e least Complaint or Murmur known, that y^e said Governor had taken up Land, to w^{ch} another Person had a prior Pretension; or that he had unfairly worked any Man out of his Possession, & not punctually paid him down y^e full Consideration demanded; Or that in Entering for, Surveying, & Patenting Lands, he had any manner of Advantage over the People, by his Dispensing with the Rules of Government, in his own Case.

Neither did he Act clandestinely, in his taking up the King's Lands; for he ever declared it to the Council, whenever any Land was Petitioned for, w^{ch} he was to be concerned in: and the Gentlemen of that Board all agreed y^t he, as Governor, lay under the necessity of

taking up Land in another Persons Name; because he could not be both Grantor & Grantee. Nor did he conceal his Views in possessing himself thereof; for it was y^e frequent Topic of his Discourse, both in Council & common conversation, how fit & proper some of the ungranted Lands were, for raising all manner of Naval Stores; & how y^e welfare of the Colony, & the Interest of our Nation, might be advanced, by encouraging People to go upon that Manufacture: And nothing was more notorious to y^e Country, than that Col^o. Spotswood embarked himself in several Partnerships, with that Design; & by his Example, drew in abundance of other persons to take up considerable Tracts, for pursuing the same Scheme.

But since Exceptions have been taken to y^e Quantity of Land, which he became possessed of, in the progress of his Undertaking; 'tis necessary to display the Motives which first induced him, & the Incidents which afterwards compelled him, to be so deeply concerned in Land. And to this end, he must observe that, not only the Lords Commissioners for Trade & Plantations thought fitting, during his Administration in Virginia, to transmit to him certain Rules & Instructions for making Hemp & Tar, with the view of putting the
[A. 1766] People there upon that Manufacture; but also his Majesty, soon after, was pleased to recommend to the Parliament the encouraging of Naval Stores in the Plantations: So that it is most evident his Undertaking was purely to comply with

what what appeared to be his Master's Will & the Nation's Interest.

And if, in the course of the Adventure, he became Proprietor of much Land, it hapned more through Necessity, than choice: For his first Voluntary Engagement was no further, than in a Partnership of Eight Sharers; but after they had expended some Thousands of Pounds on their Project, he was, through the Death of some, the Insolvency of Others, & the Despondency of the rest of his Partners, Necessitated either to give over the Undertaking, or to take upon himself the whole Adventure: which yet would not be permitted him, without reimbursing the utmost Expences of every Proprietor. And by such cogent Circumstances was he drawn into the possession of a Tract of Land, which, as y^e Property of eight persons, could be ranked only among common & usual Grants in Virginia.

Yet least Col: Spotswood should be understood to acknowledge a Transgression while he pleads the Constraint, he was under, to take all that Land; & because some Pains have been used to have it believed, that he had acted in opposition to the Lords Justices Order, which restrained every body from taking up above One Thousand Acres: He ought, not only to clear himself of the Charge of wilful Disobedience (which he may do in a few Words; by only remarking that their Excellencies Order bore Date Eleven Months after he had been superseded in his Government)

but it also behoves him particularly to set forth, how justifiable it was to pass larger Grants, before the Making of that Order.

From the first establishing a Government in Virginia, it has been the Practice throughout that Colony, to Enter for, & Take up, as much of the Unpatented Lands, as any Body had a mind to, upon the known Terms: and because y^e British Provinces, all along y^e Coast of the American Continent, want People to Seat the vast Deserts on their Backs, & to Strengthen their Land Frontiers; as well against the French & Spaniards Encroachments, as against the Indians Incursions; every Government there have hitherto found themselves under a Necessity of making the Terms, for taking up Lands, Easie to the Adventurers. And so long as all the neighbouring Proprietary Provinces continue in the way of allowing their Inhabitants, to possess what quantity of Lands they please, upon very easie Conditions, the Rulers of Virginia must conform nearly to the same, or suffer their Colony to be continually drained of its People; as they have experienced such consequences from time to time, whenever a Restraint has hapned to be laid on the Granting of Lands within that Dominion.

And altho the Numbers of Acres, which are commonly taken up by Particulars in North America, may seem prodigious Possessions to Persons here at home, who

are only acquainted with English Estates; or who have formed their Notions, from what may have been alledg-
ed against large Grants of Land in y^e West Indies; Yet upon considering the Value, & Use of an Acre, along with the Number, nothing extraordinary will appear; & Arguments brought against a Practice, in y^e Islands, where we extreemly want Ground for our Sugar-Works, will have no Shadow of Reason, on the Continent, where we Superabound in Land; & where it is manifest, to all who have had any Experience of new Settlements there, that, until the Planters have inclosed, & improved their Grounds, they must have Spacious Ranges for their Stocks, & cannot carry on their Undertakings, without a large Extent of Land.

Besides the Council of Virginia have ever been fully persuaded of the Benefit it is to the Revenue, to Patent out the Lands upon great Surveys: as con- sidering that then the Good & the Bad go off together; that then no parcels of intervening Land will be lost to the Crown; that then y^e Surveyors, for their own Interest, will be careful, that y^e Patentees have not more Acres, than mentioned in their Surveys; & that then y^e King's Quit rents will be collected with less Difficulty, & more certainty. They are also, on y^e other hand, clearly satisfied, y^t there can be no prejudice to the Colony; since every Proprietor is bound to take care, that a

timely Cultivation & Improvement be made upon his several Tracts, in proportion to y^e Number of Acres therein respectively contained: And they are sensible, that whether the Property thereof be in Ten Men, or in One, who furnishes Ten Planters, it alters not the Case; unless in favour of the Poorer sort of Inhabitants, who are not always of Ability to Survey, Patent, & Seat Lands of themselves; but when a Man of Substance has born all the Charges, of a considerable Tract, they often undertake to make, for him, the Improvements thereon, w^{ch} the Law requires, for Saving the Whole from Lapsing, upon Condition of his giving them a Share of the Land, for their Labour.

Add to this the Sentiments of the House of Burgesses; who, upon their passing the Act, for Erecting the two Counties of Brunswick & Spotsylvania (when a Motion was made to insert a Clause, for limiting the [p. 198] Quantity of Land, to be taken up by each Person to One Thousand Acres) Argued, that there was already a sufficient Restriction in that behalf; so long as the Proprietors were bound under the severe Penalty of forfeiting their Lands, in Case they failed to Seat, Plant, Cultivate and Improve them, in three Years time, as the Law requires: and the House concluded that there needed no other Restraint upon the taking up Lands in Virginia. For as it could be the Interest of no Man, to

possess himself of more Land, than he was of Ability to save; so neither was it the Crown's or Country's Interest, to stop the Industry of any of their People: And the very Design of the Act, wh^{ch} was to Encourage the speedy Peopling & settling the said Counties, would in a great measure be frustrated; if Men of Substance were not to find it worth their while, to be concerned in the Settlement thereof; or that any Adventurers were to be cramp't in their Undertakings there, for want of Land. And further, every Member of the Assembly knew, that y^e Spotsylvania & Iron-Mine Companies had, at that time, surveyed Tracts greatly exceeding One Thousand Acres; and a main Intention of the Act, then upon the Anvil, was to promote the Humour, & to encourage such Adventurous Improvers of the Colony.

Moreover when her late Majesty, by certain Instructions to Governor Hunter, thought fitting to direct a new Method, in the Granting Land in Virginia; the President & Council there represented it as not agreeable to the Laws, Constitution, & Practice of that Colony: And thereupon both Her late, & His present Majesty, by the 82 Article of Col^d: Spotswood's Instructions, Will & Command that, for the future, Lands should be Granted, as the Charter & Laws of that Colony allow & direct; & as the Practice had been before the Instructions to Governor Hunter: With only this Restriction, that a Cultivation & Improvement

should be made in proportion to the Number of Acres taken up.

Thus Col: Spotswood, after he had obtained some Laws to pass in Assembly, for obliging a sufficient Cultivation, & for y^e better Securing Payment of the King's Quit rents, did not only, in concurrence with y^e general Sentiments of the Council & Assembly, judge it for the Advancement of y^e Crown's & Country's Interest, to bountenance & promote the taking up of large Tracts of Land in Virginia; but he also looked upon himself to be specially Authorized & Directed, by his Sovereign's Instructions, to grant Patents for any Tracts of Land, which the Subject would take up, on the Conditions of Cultivating & Improving the same. And far from his imagining that such a Proceeding could ever be imputed to him as a Transgression, it may be observed, in his Letter to y^e Lords Commissioners for Trade & Plantations, that he thought fit to value himself upon that part of his Conduct, in bringing y^e People to apply for great Quantities of Land, [p. 199] & thereby extending the Frontiers of the Colony. Neither can he suppose, that their Lordships will now determine him to have been in the wrong; after he had, during the whole course of his Administration, from time to time, transmitted to their Board exact Accounts of all the Petitions for Land, allowed of by y^e Government there; & that their Lordships never once made the least Objection thereto.

So that in justification of the large Grants of Land made in Virginia; here is the Practice of the Colony, from y^e first establishment of a King's Government there: Here is Reason & Experience on that side of the Question: Here is the constant Sense of the Council: Here are y^e con-
-curring Sentiments of y^e Assembly: Here are the Instruc-
-tions of the Sovereign: and here is all along y^e tacit
approbation of the Lords Commissioners for Trade & Plantations.

The next Matter, which Col^o Spotswood conceives necessary for him to clear, is to shew the insufficiency of y^e Cavils & Objections, that have been offered against some of his Grants; Viz. The Validity of the Patents has been Questioned, for certain Informalities & Omissions (which indeed is the very cause of his becoming, at this time, an humble Suitor to his Majesty, for the con-
-firmation of his Lands) But altho' there may be Diffi-
-culties, in strictness of Law, to maintain a Title to some part of his Lands: Yet if his Right be Tryed by Equity & Good Conscience, he cannot doubt of his being adjudg-
-ed to have a just & honest claim, to every part thereof. For he has first very dearly purchased every Acre from his Partners; & afterwards Expended on y^e Lands above twice their Value, to save them from Laps-
-ing: Nor has he, to this day, refused any Payment, of Rights or Quitrents, wch the King's Officers ever demand-
-ed of him, for his Lands: And if there hapned a

failure, in some of y^e Patentees, to sign y^e necessary Bonds; yet seeing he offered his own Bonds, so soon as he discovered the Omission; & likewise thereupon wrote to the Deputy Auditor, expressly signifying that he was ready to Pay, whatever were the Demands of the Gov^{ernment} upon him; certainly no Court of Equity will Deeree him out of his Lands. Neither may y^e Judgment of a Court of Law be against him, when it shall be duly considered, that y^e Concerns of y^e Crown, in Virginia, were committed chiefly to his Care & Management; & that in transacting the same, he was in Disburs^e, for His Majesty, a much greater Sum, than can be blaimed for all the Rights & Quitrents of the Lands, he holds.

Another Objection has been made; that the Patents have issued before y^e usual Rights were produced: To which may be answered, that y^e Governor & Council (who have, under y^e Great Seal of Great Britain, full Power & Authority from the King, to dispose of the known Lands in Virginia, as they shall think fit) did judge [h. 200] it expedient to suspend, until his Majesty's Pleasure was known, the usual Demand of Rights, from the Adventurers on those Lands; & in the interim to admit of Security given by the Patentees, for the payment of Rights: And if that Board could have granted the Lands for no Payment at all (as they have done on some occasions) they

might undoubtedly, upon some special considerations, postpone a Payment, & order Security to be taken for the same.

Some bairls have been to the Form & Sufficiency of the Bonds: But surely if the same Security was taken for answering the Rights, as had ever been received for the Quit rents; they could be no new & extraordinary Bonds. And if for y^e single Payment of Five Shillings, as much was bound, as had been required for y^e perpetual Payment of One Shilling p Annum; it must be allowed to be sufficient Security.

Another Fault has been found, in the Bonds not according wth the Patents; these expressing y^e Consideration to be Money. Rights, & the Bonds leaving y^e Oblige at liberty to produce either Money or Importation-Rights. But this is a meer bairl to a matter of Form, w^{ch} may grieve & disappoint some Persons, but will not add one Shilling to y^e Revenue: For Importation-Rights are a Debt upon y^e Crown, y^e Royal Charter declaring that they shall be allowed, in the passing of Grants for Land; & seeing they have ever been accepted from y^e Patentees, as unquestionable Payment for y^e King's Land, they will be used for other Patents, should they now be refused or disallowed for these: And such a Scruple about Rights, more in the two new Counties, than in all the others, serves only to thwart the Government's Design, of selling

Brunswick + Spotsylvania Counties.

There have also been some Insinuations, as if Col: Spotswood in Granting the Lands within the two new Counties, had made haste to be before hand with any Instructions, that should come from y^e King; & as if he had acted therein by his own single Authority, in Opposition to y^e Advice of the Council: Whereas y^e several Dates of y^e Grants, w^{ch} he signed, will evidence that he passed none, within those two Counties, until nigh two years after y^e Assembly's Address; & not before the Council had Advised him to pass y^e same; As may appear by y^e Minutes of that Board, on y^e 19th April 1722.

Lastly some Stress may perhaps be laid on the Opinion, w^{ch} the Attorney & Solicitor General have delivered, upon some of these Objections: But then it is to be Noticed, y^e that Opinion was extrajudicial; & those learned Gentlemen declared, that they were not to enter into y^e Equity of Col: Spotswood's Case; and were only to give their Opinion, in point of Law, barely upon certain Queries, just as they came Stated to them, from the Board of Trade.

And now Col: Spotswood having shewn how fair & just a claim he has to all his Lands, notwithstanding y^e Objections of his Adversaries; He proceeds further to make appear, how Modest & Reasonable is y^e Prayer of his Petition to y^e King, w^{ch} at this time is under Reference to y^e Lords Comiss^{rs} for Trade & Plantations.

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/He Prays in y^e first place, y^t his Lands in Spotsylvania may be comprized in y^e Remission of Rights & Quitrents, w^{ch} his M^{ty} is at present pleased to Grant to that County; Whereby all Doubts & Controversies, about his Title to them, will of course cease. And this is Asking no more, than that such a reasonable Exposition be made of the Grant, as may Square wth y^e manifest Design of Passing it; Or that such an Equitable Sense be put upon it, as will consist wth Royal Justice, & y^e gracious Intentions of a Prince. For without all dispute the Assembly of Virginia, both by their Law & Address, proposed y^t y^e Inhabitants of Brunswick & Spotsylvania should reap some Benefits, beyond what were usually enjoyd in other Counties; & their Excellencies, y^e Lords Justices, expressly declare in their Order, that (pursuant to what is thereby Proposed) they are of Opinion to Encourage the Settlement of y^e said two Counties. But to disappoint the Adventurers of certain Priviledges, w^{ch} every Man enjoys in y^e other Counties; to make greater difficulties about their Land, than ever were known in y^e Colony before; & to seek, by rigid Means, to make void their Patents: these Measures surely cannot answer y^e Design of Encouraging People, to Seal Remote & Exposed Lands. And to deprive a Man of his Possessions, after he has bore y^e Brunt of y^e Danger, & Maintained them 'til the Terror of the Indians is over; after he has Expended thereon more

than double their prime Value; after he has cleared
Grounds, fenced Fields, builded Houses, made Roades &
Bridges, Set up Mills, drove out Stocks of cattle, trans-
ported Household Goods, removed Families of Women & Chil-
dren, wth all y^e Necessaries of Life to support People in
the wild Woods; & in short, after he has passed through
y^e immense Troubles, Fatigues, Dangers & Expences, w^{ch} are
inseparable from new Settlements in America, whenever
they are made at any distance from y^e Seated part
of y^e Country: to Dispossess him then of his Lands, for
a meer Chicanery in Woods, & to transfer his Improvements
to Others, who never had the Courage or Industry, to
gain an Acre of Land out of the Woods, where there
was either Danger or Difficulty, would be such an Op-
pressive Act & cruel Proceeding, as would in no wise
resemble Royal Justice, or Tally with his present Majesty's
just & mild Administration.

Again, to Understand y^e Remission of Quitrents in
y^e restrained Sense, w^{ch} y^e late Govern^r would put upon
y^e Lords Justices Order, is Construing away all y^e Inten-
tions of a Princely Bounty, & utterly defeating y^e con-
sultations, not only of y^e Assembly in Virginia, but
also of the Ministry here at home: For it is demonstra-
ble, by y^e Auditor's Rent. Roll & Instructions to y^e Sheriff
of Spotsylvania County, y^e y^e whole Remission of Quit
rents, allowed by y^e said Instructions, to all Proprietors

of Land in that bounty, for the Space of Three Years, amounts to no more than Twenty eight Shillings. Which Sum surely could never be a Bounty intended by a Prince, or proposed by 3 R^t Hon^{les} Boards: Nor can it be supposed y^e y^e Assembly of Virginia would Address their Sovereign for such a Trifle; & the Governor & Council Order y^e Agent One hundred Pounds, for his single Pains to obtain it.

In the Second place, He Prays Leave to Surrender the [p. 202] Lands, w^{ch} he had taken up, in order to make Tar: For as they are Piney Grounds, added to former Surveys, & were taken in, wth a view of making Tar, after the manner which y^e Lords Comiss^{rs} for Trade & Plantations had prescribed, & which y^e Act of Parliament directed: And since Experience has shewn y^e He cannot make Tar after that Method, it would be hard to make a man suffer, for his publick Spirit, & for his Readiness to comply wth his Master's Will; by strictly confining him to keep those Useless Lands, & obliging him to pay Purchase Money & Quit rents for them.

And Lastly, Col: Spotswood Prays, by way of Alternative, y^e those Piney Lands (which are now included in his Surveys, & cannot well be thrown out, without the charge of a re-Survey) may be Granted to him, for y^e yearly Acknowledgment of a Baril of Tar; in Consideration of his doing his utmost to procure, at his own Expence,

Tar-Burners from Finland, to teach the Art of drawing Tar from green Pines. And when we reflect how y^e greatest part of Three Hundred Thousand Pounds has already been paid, by way of Bounty, for that Sort of Tar, w^{ch} the Parliament now rejects, & instead thereof, would have their People, in y^e Plantations, make this other kind; the Proposal will appear to be an Offer, of a signal Service to the Nation, upon very easie Terms to the Government; & y^e Crown will loose nothing by y^e Grant. For should Col^o. Spotswood succeed, & prove it to be practicable, in y^e Climate of Virginia, to make Tar from green Pines, the People of that Colony, then finding the Piney Lands of some Use, would begin to take them up, & pay 2^d. Rents for them; vast Tracts whereof, at this day, lye totally neglected; Nobody being willing to take such poor Ground (as generally Piney Lands are) within their Surveys. So that the Crown, not only parts with a thing of no value at this time, but has also an Expectancy, to be hereafter largely Recompenced, for so disposing of the same.

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Endorsed Virginia / The base / of Col^o. Spotswood, with respect / to his Lands in Virginia. / And / Some Queries, relating to his Lands. / answered /

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Queries

Proposed by the Lords Commrs. for Trade & Plantations

And

Answered by Col. Alex. Spotswood

Feby 1726/7

1 Quere. What he means by the Pine Lands that he proposes to Surrender? Where they lye? What Quantity they consist of? When they were originally patented? In whose Name, & for what Use?

Answer By Piney Lands, he means about 25000 Acres of a poor hungry Soil, fit for neither Arable, nor Pasture Grounds; which were taken up merely for y^e sake of the Pine & Fir Trees growing thereon, from whence it was proposed to draw Tar, according to y^e Method prescribed by y^e Act of Parliament. And these Lands lye interspersed within the two Tracts of 40,000 & 28,000 Acres, which were Patented in the Year 1722; the first Tract having been Survey'd for y^e Use of the Spotsylvania Company, & y^e Patent passed in the names of Thomas Jones, John Blayton & Richard Hickman: and the other tract, of 28000 Acres, included 3 former Grants of 8214 Acres & was Surveyed for the Use of Col. Spotswood & Patent passed in y^e name of Richard Hickman.

2 Qu. Whether it was not at first y^e Intention

of the House of Burgesses, that the Patentees in the new Counties of Spotsylvania & Brunswick, should be Restrained to some certain Number of Acres & what?

3. Qu. If that were once the Design of the Burgesses, how they came to recede from it?

4. Qu. And whether this Restriction was not the Subject-Matter of a conference between the two Houses?

Answer So far from such a Restriction, as is mentioned in these Queries, having been either the Intention of the House of Burgesses, or y^e Subject-Matter of a conference between the two Houses; that the Burgesses, almost unanimously, rejected the Motion of one of their Members, for Restraining y^e Patentees in the new Counties, to One thousand acres. And as the Body of the Council have constantly been of Opinion, that such a Restraint was a Disservice to both King & Country, They cannot be supposed to have Argued for it at the conference. Besides the Report of the conferees (which is very particularly entred in the Journal of Council in Assembly, Novem^r 16. 1720) will manifest that a Restriction upon any Lands, was no part of the Subject-Matter of their conference.

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5th Quere Whether the Council of Virginia did on y^e 19th of April 1722, or at any other time advise Col^o Spotswood to pass any Grants in Spotsylvania? And What? And to Whom? Upon what Conditions? And in what Terms?

Answer The Council, at a full Board on y^e 19th of April 1722, had under their Consideration divers Applications, made by y^e Takers up of Land, within y^e Counties of Brunswick & Spotsylvania, for the passing their Patents: And also at y^e same time were informed of the Reasons, wh^{ch} had induced col^o Spotswood to forbear, so long as he did, signing any Patents for Land, in the said two Counties. And thereupon their Opinion was, that Patents (according to the Forms then in Use) should be Granted to such Persons as might desire them: Upon Condition of their giving Security to pay for the Rights, in case His Majesty should not think fit to Remit the same, according to the Address of the Assembly. And all this may appear from the Minutes of Council; whereof col^o Spotswood has here an Attested Copy.

6th Qu. What part of the Lands in Question were bona fide purchased by col^o Spotswood for valuable Considerations? Of Whom? And When? And Where do those Lands lye respectively?

Answer. col^o Spotswood, in the year 1716, Purchased Robert Beverley's Right to about 1500 Acres, & included the same in his Germanna Patent — Anno 1718, he purchased a claim to part of his Hilderness Patent, from a Person whose Name he cannot recollect, without his Virginia Papers. — Anno 1719 he purchased

Harry Beverley's Patent for 1920 Acres, together with his Right of Survey to about 2500 Acres in another Place. All which purchased Lands are comprized within his Grand Survey of 28000 Acres.

From y^e Year 1719, to 1723; He purchased y^e respective Rights of y^e following Persons, viz. Of Tho. Watts, to 2911 Acres — Of Abraham Bledso, to 2114 — Of Tho. Ascome, to 1119 — Of John Baylor's Executors, to 1250 — Of Thomas Jones, to 3125 — Of William Beverley, to 3125 — Of Charles Ishiswell, to 938 — Of Reuben Welch, to 468 — Of W^m Robertson, to 468 — Of W^m Woodford, to 938 — Of Robert Cary, to 938 — And of Edw^d Barrow, to 177 Acres. Which last 12. Purchases are within the Bounds of y^e Iron Mine Company's Survey of 15000 Acres.

Anno 1718. the Rights of several Persons to two Surveys of Land, containing about 14000 Acres, & known by the Hircania & Ursulana Tracts, were purchased by the Spotsylvania Company, & made a part of their grand Survey of 40,000 Acres. And in the years 1721 & 1722, Ed^d. Spotswood purchased the several Rights of John Baylor, Tho. Jones, & W^m Beverley, to 30,000 Acres of the said Grand Survey, & to all the Im-
-provements then made thereon.

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Anno 1723, he completed a Bargain wth Rob^t. Smith, for 2000 Acres, called the Massaponax Land; having

been concerned, for some Years before in a Mortgage upon the Same.

And Moreover, in answer to y^e Question, wh^o was asked Col^o Spotswood by their Lordshps, upon reading this Sixth Quere at the Board; Viz^t How much had been his Purchases or Acc^t of the Iron Mine Adventure? & how much on acc^t of his other Land concerns? He says that y^e Sum of what he has bonâ fide paid to all the above named Persons, for their Surrender of their respective Rights to the aforementioned Tracts of Land, & to y^e Im-
provements & Expences thereon, amounts to upwards of Five Thousand Pounds: And he finds, by the Iron Mine - Accompts, that y^e Sum paid those Per-
sons, for the Purchase of all their Interest in that Adventure, amounts to £2177:9:10. So that Col^o Spotswood must have been actually in disburse about Three Thousand Pounds, in buying out the several Interests in his other Land concerns.

yth Qu. What part of the Lands in question were granted in Trust for y^e Petitioner? In whose Name? When? and where do those Lands lie?

Answer The Germanna Tract, consisting of 3229 Acres, & wholly belonging to Col^o Spotswood, was Patented in the Name of M^r Robertson, in the Year 1716 — The Wilderness Tract, of 3065 Acres, belonging to Ditto,

was Patented in y^e name of Richard Hickman, anno 1719 — The Mine Company Tract, of 15000 Acres, where-
-of One Quarter belonged to Ditto, was Patented in the
Names of Robert Beverley & Thomas Jones, anno 1719 —
The Spotsylvania Company Tract, of 40,000 Acres, where-
-of One Quarter belonged to Ditto, was Patented in the
Names of Thomas Jones, John Blayton, & Richard Hick-
-man, Anno 1722 — And the Alexandria Tract, of 28000
Acres, whereof no more than 19786 Acres were new
taken up Lands, & belonging to Ditto, was Patented in
the name of Richard Hickman, anno 1722.

8th Qu Whether any Lands Patented in other Counties,
before y^e Erection of Spotsylo^o County, were included
afterwards in Spotsylvania County?

Answer The Line, wth y^e Act of Assembly directed to be
run, for y^e lower Bounds of Spotsylvania County, did
cut off the extreme ends of Essex, King & Queen, &
King William Counties: so that several remote frontier
Lands, w^{ch} had been before Patented in one of those
3 Counties, are now included in Spotsylvania County.

9th Qu What Quantity of Acres were so included?
Why were they included?

Answer Col^o Spotswood cannot tell what may be the
Quantity of Acres so included; but he very well
knows y^e Reason why y^e Assembly included those
Patented Lands in y^e new County, was because they

were at very inconvenient distances from both Court Houses & Churches, in their old Counties; some Plantations being 70, 80, & 90 Miles distant.

10th Quere What Quantity of the Petitioner's Lands former^[p. 226]

ly Patented, are now included in this new County?

Answer Of the Petitioner's Lands, now included in Spotsylvania County, which were Patented before the Erecting that County, there are 25,241 Acres.

11th Quere And Whether he desires the King should Remit the Quit Rents of such Lands?

Answer As the Assembly of Virginia did not confine their Exemption from Publick Levies to those Persons only, who should go to dwell in the new Counties after the passing their Act; but Extended their Encouragements even to y^e former Inhabitants thereof: So They prayed for the King's Bounty to be as Extensive, & that y^e Payment of Quit Rents & Rights, for All Lands within the limits of those two Counties, should be Remitted for a certain Term. But however, should it be judged that y^e Lands, which were Patented before the said Act of Assembly, were not intended, by the Lords Justices Order to have the Benefit of such Remission; Yet still the Petitioner humbly hopes that the Services, he has done the known in that Government (as set forth in his Petition) may render him worthy of such an Indulgence.

12th Qu. When were the 14,000 Acres said to be a part
of the Spotsylvania Company's Tract of 40,000 Acres,
Survey'd & Patented? In whose Name? & why were they
afterwards included in the Spotsylvania Tract?

Answer: The said 14,000 Acres had been Survey'd in two
Tracts, in the Year 1710, in the Names of Robert Beverley,
James Taylor, & others: But they never were Patented, un-
til the Spotsylvania Company, having purchased every
Body's Right to the same, did in the Year 1721 take those
two Tracts within their Survey of 40,000 Acres; & the
next year a Patent passed for the whole

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Endorsed Virginia | Col^o. Spotswood's Answers | to 12 Queries,
proposed by y^e Lords of Trade | Febr^y 1726th | about his Lands
in the 2 New Counties in Virginia. | Read Febr^y 21st } 1726th |
Read Dec^r 28th }

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Of Col: Spotswood's Seating, Cultivation & Improvements,
which save his hands from lapsing, according to the Laws of Virginia.

On the Alexandria Tract,

containing 28000 Acres, with

21 Plantations or Tenements.

The Houses have been Valued at £9063 : 16 : 6

The Inclosures at 511 : 17 : —

The Orchards & Gardens . . . at 649 : — : —

The Mills, with their Damms.. at 1200 : — : — £11424 : 13 : 6

Which Sum of £11424 : 13 : 6 will (by the present Law) save a Tract of. 57123 Acres

The Stock kept thereon (being 263 head of Cattle & 16 Horses) will (by D^o) save. 4650

The cleared Land (at 30 Acres p Plantation, one with another) making 630 Acres, will (by D^o) save. 10500

The York Patent, of 1920 Acres, had been saved by the former Law.. 1920

On the Spotsylvania Tract,

containing 40,000 Acres,

with 30 Plantations.

The Houses have been Valued at £791 : 3 : 6

The Inclosures at 435 : 10 : 4

The Orchards & Gardens . . . at 139 : — : —

The State Quarry, with its Bridges, Road &c. at 150 : — : — £1515 : 13 : 10

Which Sum of £1515 : 13 : 10 will save. 7578

The Stock kept thereon (208 head of Cattle, & 45 Horses) will save. 4217

The cleared Land (at 25 Acres p Plantation) making 750 Acres, will save. 12500

On the Iron Mine Tract,

containing 15000 Acres,

with 6 Plantations.

The Houses, Furnace, Damms, Bridge &c

have been Valued at £6949 : — : —

The Inclosures at 200 : 14 : —

The Orchards & Gardens . . . at 38 : — : — £7187 : 14 : —

Which Sum of £7187 : 14 : — will save. 35939

The Stock kept thereon (being 164 heads of Cattle, & 12 Horses) will save. 2953

The cleared Land (judged to be about 300 Acres) will save. 5000

Total of Acres. 142360

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Remarks

The foregoing Valuations were made by Three sworn Appraisers, who had been appointed, on y^e 5th of October 1725, by the County Court; pursuant to the Law of Virginia in that behalf (as may appear by an Attested Copy of the Justices Order hereto annexed) And the several Sums, herein specified, have been extracted from the Return, made to the Court by the said Appraisers; as may likewise appear from a Copy of their Report, which was last year transmitted to Col^o Spotwood by the Clerk of his Works.

The Stocks of Cattle & Horses, mentioned to be kept on the Land, will appear from the said Clerk's Yearly Return of the Estate.

The Quantity of cleared Ground may be judged from the Number of Hands, & the time they have been employ'd on the Lands.

According to the Laws of Virginia, Fifty Acres of Land are saved from Lapsing, Either by clearing & working Three Acres of Ground; or by keeping constantly thereon Three head of Cattle, or Horses, Or by Expending Ten Pounds in Buildings, & other Improvements; Or by keeping One Man employ'd half a Year working in a Mine or Quarry.

And Note, that in the present Estimate, no Savings of Land are reckoned for Work done in Mines, or Quarries, upon any of the 3 mentioned Tracts: Whereas a very considerable Account, if needed can be made up, & Proved, for that kind of Cultivation; So as to Save from Lapsing many more Thousands of Acres.

At a court held for Spotsylvania County p ad. [1-275]

-journment from Yesterday October y^e 5th 1725

On Petition of Richard Booker Gent^e as Attorney,
& in behalfe for The Hon^{ble} Alexander Spotswood to have
his buildings workes & Improvements &c valued by two
or more men upon oath. (as the law directs) with regard
to the account of Expenses that he hath been at in
seating of three tracts of land lying in this county,
viz. one for fifteen thousand acres called the Mine.
tract, and one of twenty eight thousand acres, called
the Alexandria tract, & one of forty thousand acres call.
ed the Spotsylvania Tract, is granted, and Ordered that
Capt Goodrich Lightfoot Capt Jerrimiah blowder, John
Quarles & John ffineson Gent^e or any two of them (being
first sworn before one of his Maj^{ties} justices of the peace
for this county) do value the severall kind of build.
ings & Improvements &c and on what part of the said
tracts of land the same are, and make returne thereof.

Copia Test

John Waller: clk. bur^{et}

Endorsed Virginia / The State / Of Col: Spotswoods Saving by [1-276]
Improvements / his Lands in Virginia / recd from Col Spots.
wood / Recd May } 1727. / R 42
Recd May "

A List

[1-9]

Off All Ships and Vessels that have Imported Slaves into the District off Potomack river, Together with the number of Slaves imported, of those dead, and not sold within 40 days, & of those drawn back for Exportation. from the 10th of Iber. 1710. To the 10th of Iber. 1718

Ships and Vessels Names	of what place	M ^r s names	N ^o of Slaves		Slaves dead	Slaves drawn back	From thence
			Negroes	Indians			
		John Howson.		1.			
Bruijer.	London.	Geo. Griffin.	84				Guinea
Har ^l Maria.	D ^o	Christ ^l Zell.	1.				Amboy.
		Tho. Whittedge and John Peck	2				Maryland.
		Tho ^l Manning	1				D ^o
Sarah Sloop	Virginia	M ^r Bonway.	32.		1.		Barbadoes.
George Gall.	Glasgow	Dav ^l Buckling	21			2	D ^o
Martha.	Lyme.	Jn ^o Wallis.	15				D ^o
Hinfred. Slp.	Virginia	Step. Chilton.	3				D ^o
		Jn ^o Wright.	1				Maryland
		Fyall	2				D ^o
		R ^o Alexander	1				Barbadoes, & James River.
Isabella.	Grenock	Alb. Hastie.	1.				Barbadoes.
		R ^o Foley.	1				Maryland.
Potomack Slp	N. England	Jer ^l Owen.	1				N. England.
		Dan ^l M ^c Carty.	8			8	Maryland.
			174	1	1	10.	

Virginia South Potomack District Jan^y 15. 1718/9

Thomas Lee Rec^d & Nav^l Off.

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Endorsed

Virginia

Potowmack District

List of Slaves imported

from Decemr. 1710, to Decemr. 1718

175 Imported

11 Dead & Drawn back

164 Effective

Recd from

Colt Spotswood

Recd } June 25 : 1726.
Read }

A List of all Ships & Vessels y^e have Imported Slaves into y^e District of York River together with y^e Number of Slaves Imported from y^e Tenth day of December 1710: to y^e Tenth day of December 1718.

Ships and Vess ^{ls} Names	Off what Place	Masters Names	Number of Slaves		Slaves Dead in time	Slaves Known Back	From whence
			Negros	Indians			
Lond ^o Merch ^t	London	William Cant	1				London
Tnyall	N. England	Nath ^l Gerrish	16		1		Barbados
Diggs Frigate	London	Edw ^d Whitaker	1				London
Imported for William Rogers			1				
Sea Flower	London	James Deark	2				Fyall
Brought in by Capt. Fred. Jones				2			N ^o Carolina
Lane Frances	Virgin ^a	Rob ^t Minge	2				Barbados
Annah & Sarah	Bristol	Arthur Lane	136		6		Barbados
Henry	London	George Winter	109		7	6	Barbados
Duke Cambridge	London	John Martin	28				Barbados
Princess Ann	Bristol	Peter Saxby	1				Bristol
Elizabeth			1				Barbados
Anne Gally	London	Rich ^d Swanley	111		7		Guinea
Betty	Virginia	John Perrin	1				S ^o Carolina
Shallop belonging to Grace Watkins			3				Maryland
Oak	Liverpool	Rob ^t Robinson	2				Barbados
Duke Cambridge	London	John Martin	152		12		Barbados
Grayhound	Bristol	Wm ^d Forrest	64		1		Barbados
Shallop George, alias, a Longboat			3				Maryland
Sloop Robert	Barbados	Samuel Ring	1				Maryland
Three Sisters	Liverpool	John Hughes	109		4		Cabot's castle
Snow Rebecca	Bristol	David Rees	135		6		Africa
Parnel Gally	Bristol	Benj ^t Phipps	106				New Gallaba
Sloop Rachel	Jamaica	Samuel Fox	43		3		Jamaica
Mary	London	Geo ^d Winter	6		1		Barbados
Emma	Nevis	Benj ^t Fox	2				Nevis
Rich ^d & Alice	Virginia	Tho ^s Ballard	1				Barbados
Bewdley	London	Tho ^s Dancie	2				Barbados

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Ships and their Names	off wh ^t Place	Masters Names	Number of Slaves		Slaves Dead in time	Slaves Drawn Back	From Whence
			Negros	Indians			
Mary Anne	Philadel ^a	Edward Hardy	1	.....	.....	.....	Philadelph ^a
Duke Cambridge	London	William Keeling	114	7	.....	114	11 Barbados
Sconer Littlebelly	Antigua	Peter Walker	5	.....	.....	.....	Antigua
Maidstone	Bristol	James Pearce	11	1	.....	1	Barbados
Ellin	Liverpool	Thomas Jackson	29	.....	1	.....	Barbados
Oak	Liverpool	Rob ^t Robinson	24	.....	3	.....	Barbados
Baylor	Bristol	George Lilburne	66	.....	3	.....	Barbados
Booth	Liverpool	Robert Booth	83	.....	3	40	Bandy
Pink Sarah	Dublin	J ^h Nicholson	1	.....	.....	.....	Barbados
Romsey Gally	Bristol	Charles Porter	12	6	.....	5	Bonny
Barkley Gally	Bristol	Francis Pitts	114	3	.....	2	New Callabar
Higginson	London	John Mitchell	16	6	.....	11	Old Callabar
Peterborough	Bristol	James Edwards	93	.....	6	.....	Barbados
Robert & Jane	Antigua	John Bennett	96	.....	1	1	Antigua
Mary	London	George Winter	82	.....	3	.....	Barbados
Parnell Gally	Bristol	John Morrist	114	2	.....	2	Barbados
Grayhound	Bristol	Henry Forrest	18	3	.....	5	Bonny
Snow Diligence	Philadel ^a	James Peartree	58	.....	3	.....	Jamaica
Ferrand Gally	London	John Hodgson	61	.....	5	.....	Old Callabar
Brought in by Goodrich Lightfoot.			1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brought from y ^e other side			1039	2	118	6	
			2657	2	116	58	

J. A. Burwell Offic^r

Endorsed

Virginia

York District

List of Slaves imported

from y^e 10th of Decem^r 1710 to 10th Decem^r 1718

A List

Of all Ships & Vessels that have Imported Slaves into Rappa-
hanoek District together with the Number of Slaves Imported
of those Dead & not within forty days & of those Drawn
back for Exportation.

From the 10th day of Decemb^r 1710 to the 10th day of
Decemb^r 1718

Ships & Vessels Names	Of w ^h Place	Masters Names	Number of Slaves		Slaves Dead	Slaves Drawn back	from w ^h Place
			Negres	Indians			
Mary & Eliza	London	Nathaniel Davis	113	.....	22	.....	Gambia
by Land	.....	by J ^o Smith	1	.....	.....	.....	N ^o Carolina
Small Boat	Maryland	Paul Mison	3	.....	.....	.....	Maryland
Swift	H ^o Haven	Albert Kilpatrick	1	.....	.....	.....	Barbados
Content	Liverpool	W ^m Evered	12	.....	.....	.....	Barbados
Industry	Bermuda	J ^o Griffith	2	.....	.....	.....	Providence
Content	Liverpool	W ^m Evered	2	.....	.....	.....	Barbados
Isbell	Greenock	J ^o Park	1	.....	.....	.....	Barbados
Two Brothers	Urbanna	Robt Galbreath	1	.....	.....	.....	Jamaica
Small Boat	Maryland	J ^o Orme	2	.....	.....	.....	Maryland
Expectation	Bristol	Frank Collett	3	.....	.....	.....	Barbados
Charfield	Bristol	W ^m Roberts	156	.....	6	.....	Gambia
Susanna	Rappahanoek	Tho Dearing	7	.....	4	.....	Barbados
Mary	Bristol	Matt Pope	1	.....	.....	.....	Bristol
Henry Gally	Bristol	Henry Smith	99	.....	7	.....	Gambia
Employe	Liverpool	J ^o Cowper	65	.....	7	.....	Gambia
Princes Ann	Bristol	J ^o Rogers	20	.....	2	.....	Barbados
Kensworth	Bristol	Nich ^o Gardner	50	.....	2	.....	Gambia
Content	Liverpool	W ^m Evered	32	.....	2	.....	Barbados
Charfield	Bristol	David Moore	72	.....	12	.....	Gambia
Bridgett	Urbanna	Peter Norly Elligood	1	.....	1	.....	Barbados
Smith Gally	Bristol	J ^o Darracott	30	.....	.....	.....	Barbados
Loce	Bermuda	Sam ^l Saltus	1	.....	.....	.....	Bermuda
			675	.....	65	.....	

† C^o Robinson boll^d Duties

Endorsed

Virginia

Rappahannock District

List of Slaves imported

A List

Of all Vessels that have Imported Slaves into the Upper District of James River, together with the Number of Slaves Imported & of those dead & not sold within 40 days, & of those drawn back for Exportation from y^e 10 day December 1710 to y^e 10 day Decemb^r 1718

Vessels Names	of what place	Masters Names	Number Slaves		Slave Dead	From what Place
			Negros	Indians		
1711	"	Robert Mumford	4			S ^c Carolina
"	"	W ^m Mayes	4			D ^o "
"	"	Rob ^t Hix	10			D ^o "
"	"	Mrwin & Jones	7			D ^o "
"	"	Coleman & Thweet	11			D ^o "
"	"	J ⁿ ^s Savans	3			D ^o "
1712	"	Jones & Clay	12			D ^o "
1713	"	J ⁿ ^s Anderson	8			D ^o "
1714	"	Tho ^s Bray	1			N ^c Carolina
"	Industry	Plym ^t	2			Barbadoes
1715	Charles	Nevis	1			Nevis
"	Elizabeth	New England	3			Barbadoes
"	"	Jos. Thrift	1			S ^c Carolina
1716	Duke Cornwall	Plym ^t	9			Barbadoes
"	"	Arthur Kavanaugh	1			S ^c Carolina
1717	Mary	Barbadoes	15			Barbadoes
"	Henric & Mary	Virginia	3			Barbadoes
"	Elizabeth	Bermuda	2			D ^o "
"	George	Virga	1			S ^c & I ^t ophers
"	Dragon	New York	6			New York
"	Avarila	London	1			London
"	Baltimore	D ^o	50		1	Barbadoes
1718	Postillion	Barbadoes	21			D ^o "
"	"	David Grawly	4			S ^c Carolina
"	Henric	Virga	8			Barbadoes
"	Eagle	D ^o	42		6	Cherolyn
"	Thomas	New England	2		2	Barbadoes
			166	66	9	

Trans^d Lightfoot Nov^r Off^r

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Virginia

James R. upper District

List of Slaves imported

from Decemr. 1710, to Decemr. 1718

232 Imported

9 Dead + Draw back

223 Effective

Recd from

Colt Spotswood

Recd } June 28 : 1726.
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Virginia

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James R. Lower District

List of Slaves imported

from Decem^r. 1710 to Decem^r. 1718

419 ... Imported

60 ... Dead & Drawn back

359 ... Effective

Recd from both

Spotswood

Recd }
Recd } June 28. 1726

A List of all Ships & Vessels that have Imported Slaves into y^e Lower District of James River, Together wth y^e Number of Slaves Imported, of those dead & not Sold within 40 days & of those drawn back for Exportation From y^e 10th of December 1710 to y^e 10th of December 1718

When Imported	Ships & Vessels Names	of what place	Mast ^r Names	N ^o of Slaves		Slaves		From whence Imported
				negroes	Ind ⁿ	dead	drawn back	
Jan ^y 9 th 1710	Sloop Blackcock	New York	Jn ^o Cooper ...	2				New York
May 13 th } June 30 th } 1711	Ship Reserve ...	Man of War	Capt ^t Math ^w Sate	8				Barbadoes
July 13 th 1713	Sloop Sea Flower	Boston ...	Nath ^l Owen ..	9				Antigua
Nov ^r 23 1714	Sloop Catherine	Virginia ...	W ^m Mosely ...	3				} Barbadoes
May 10 th 1715	Sloop Robert ...	Virginia ...	W ^m Downes ...	3				
June 17 th 1715	Sloop Morant ...	S ^c Carolina	Alex ^r Watson ..	36				S ^c Carolina
17 th 18 th 1715	Sloop Jane & Mary	Virginia	Thom ^s Brabb ..	4				Barbadoes
Aug st 10 th 1715	Sloop May Flower	New England	Jn ^o Tucker ...	1				Boston
17 th 29 th 1715	Sloop Mary ...	New York	And ^w Meade ..	5				New York
Sept ^r 9 th 1715	Sloop Mary ...	Barbadoes	Jn ^o Jennings ..	88				Barbadoes
17 th 23 rd 1715	Sloop William ..	Virginia ..	Jn ^o Chaple ..	2				S ^c Carolina
Oct ^r 31 st 1715	Sloop Dolphin ..	Virginia ..	W ^m Nicholson	1				S ^c Christoph
Nov ^r 2 nd 1715	Sloop Dragon ..	Bermuda ..	Thom ^s Eve ...	1				Bermuda
17 th 4 th 1715	Sloop William ..	Virginia ..	Rich ^d Pwelle ..	11				Barbadoes
17 th 7 th 1715	Sloop Neptune ..	Nevis ...	Thom ^s Helms ..	4				Nevis
Dec ^r 14 th 1715	Sloop Endeavour	New England	Sam ^l Epes ...	1				} Boston
May 25 th 1716	Sloop Elizabeth ..	Boston ...	W ^m Fleet ...	3				
11 th	Sloop Philipie ..	Barbadoes ..	W ^m Goffry ...	77		2	1	} Barbadoes
Aug st 15 th	Sloop Robert ..	Virginia ..	W ^m Pitt ...	7				
17 th 31 st	Sloop Swallow ..	New York	W ^m White ...	2				New York
Sept ^r 12 th	Brig Paganreech	Virginia ..	Nich ^l Begutun	3		1		} Barbadoes
Nov ^r 8 th	Ship Mary ...	Bristol ...	Francis Hestbee	27		8		
Dec ^r 15 th	Sloop Mary ...	Virginia ..	W ^m Mosely ...	1		1		
17 th 18 th	Sloop Neptune	Virginia ..	Jam ^s Angush	1				
17 th 26 th	Sloop Endeavour	Boston ...	Sam ^l Bosworth	1				Boston
Jan ^y 10 th 1716	Ship Friendship	Lieth ...	Halt ^r Fleeth	1				North bren
Apr ^l 29 th	Sloop Nighting th	Boston ...	John Fripp	6		1		} Barbados
May 2 nd	Brig Hannah	Bristol ...	Morgan Morgan	6		1		
17 th 7 th	Sloop Fortune ..	Britain ...	Jos ^{ph} Atkins	2				
				316		14	1	

When Imported	Ships & Vessels Names	of what place	Mast ^r . Names	N ^o of Slaves		Slaves		from whence Imported
				Negros	Ind.	dead	drawn back	
May 20 th 1716	Sloop Robert ...	Virginia ...	Jn ^o	4		1		Barbados
June 3 rd	Sarah & Mary Sloop	Virginia ...	Ja ^s . Thomson	1			1	
D ^o . 10 th	Sloop Suffolk ...	Virginia ...	Ben: Dowdale	35			2	
D ^o . 11 th	Schooner Marlbrogh	Boston ...	Jon ^o . Route ...	1				
July 9 th	Sloop Rob ^t & Ja ^s	Philadelph ^a	Jn ^o . White ...	8			2	Barbados
D ^o & D ^o	Ship Eliz th & Ann	Liverpool ...	Edw ^d . Inauford	12				
D ^o . 17 th	Sloop Good Success	New England	Das ^s . Vaughan	3				
Aug st 2 nd	Sloop Dutton Ann	Maryland ...	Rob ^t . Dutton	6		1		
D ^o . 16 th	Sloop Hannah & Mary	Philadelph ^a	Sam ^l . Hogflesh	24		1	1	Barbados
D ^o . 31	Ship Molly ...	London ...	Jn ^o . Colvils ...	2				
Sept. 7 th	Sloop Rob ^t ...	Virginia ...	Rich ^d . Mewley ..	5			1	
D ^o . 25 th	Sloop Dolphin ..	Virginia ..	Adam Kirkwood	1				
Oct ^r 7 th 1716	Sloop May Flower	Bermuda ...	John Dorrell	3			1	York River Navis
D ^o . D ^o . 1717	Sloop Rachel ..	Jamaica ...	Sam ^l . Fox ...	1				
D ^o . D ^o			Capt. Finch ..	7		1	1	
Nov. 6 th	Sloop Phillipia ..	Barbados	George Tucker	3		2		
D ^o . 17 th	Sloop Phillis ...	Barbados	Green h ^m . Salter	3		1		Barbados
D ^o . 28 th	Sloop Jn ^o ...	Virginia	W ^m . Mosely	1				
Mar: 3.	Sloop Resolution	New Engl ^d	Jos. Carver	3				
	Lyme man of war	Britain	Capt: Ellis Brand	2				
	From N ^o . Carolina		John Bowland	1				N ^o . Carolina
Apr ^l 23 rd 1718	Sloop Robert ...	Virginia ..	Rich ^d . Mosely	16		2	1	Barbados
D ^o . 25 th	Schooner George ..	Jamaica ...	Thom ^s . Fry ...	1				Jamaica
May 6 th	Clayton Gally ..	Liverpool ..	Edw ^d . Farlton	30		5		Barbados
D ^o . 10 th	Sloop John ...	Virginia ..	Xp ^r Gardner	6				
D ^o . 19 th	Sloop Neptune	Virginia ..	John Chapell	18		1	10	
June 15 th	Ship Sheppard	London ...	Thom ^s . Woodward	21			11	
D ^o . 19 th	Ship Nightingall	Bristol ...	Jos: Merritt	157		7	2	Bermuda Maryland
July 9 th	Sloop Content	Bermuda ..	Jn ^o . Argent	2			1	
D ^o . 23 rd	Sloop Robert	Virginia ...	Rich ^d . Mosely	3				
Aug st 28 th	Sloop William		W ^m . Westcoat	1				
Sept. 1 st	Sloop Neptune	Virginia	John Tacker	35		4		Barbados
Oct. 18 th	Sloop Sar ^a & Mary		Jn ^o . Rudock	2				
Nov. 11 th	Sloop Jn ^o ...		Ben: Dawdale	3				
D ^o . 23 rd	Sloop Robert ...		Rich ^d . Mosely	6				
	from S ^o . Carolina	by John ..	Shoram Indians	6	3			S ^o . Carolina
				416	3	26	34	

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Virginia

Lists of Negroes Imported
from Decemr. 1710 to Decr.
1718.

recd from Colonel
Spotswood

Recd } June 28th 1726
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An Account of all Negroes imported into the colony of Virginia from the coast of Africa from the 24th of June 1725 to the 24th of June 1726.

From what District	Time of Importation	Ships Names	Of what place	Masters Names	Number	N ^o of Negroes	From what Part of Africa	By whom Owned
York River	May 11 th	Commerce	Bristol	Henry James	100	278	Calabar	Separate Traders
	June 4 th 7 th	Providence	Virginia	Egent ^r Butler	50	174	Sierralione	Ditto
	8 th	Dispatch	Bristol	Hill ^r Barry	100	170	Calabar	Ditto
	1726 April 21 st	Betty	Bristol	Jn ^r Bradshaw	100	144	Calabar	Ditto
	28 th	Chester Gallay	Bristol	Kick ^r Bacon	80	144	Ditto	Ditto
	June 4 th 6	Commerce	Bristol	Robt Colestone	100	143	Ditto	Ditto
	10 th	Norman Gallay	Bristol	Jn ^r Bartlett	110	120	Ditto	Ditto
	April 29 th	Dispatch	Bristol	Hill ^r Barry	110	180	Calabar	Ditto
	May 7 th	Jason Gallay	Bristol	Edw ^d Manship	...	228	Ditto	Ditto
	19 th	John & Betty	Liverpool	Jn ^r Denton	60	90	Binnny	Ditto
Total of yr						1671		
Rappah ^o River								

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Virginia

Acco^t of all Negroes imported from Africa
for one year ending the 24th of June

1726.

Rec^d with Maj^r Drysdale's

lett^r of 29th June 1726.

Rec^d Sept^r 9th }
Read O^r 14th } 1726.

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An Acc^t of Negroes imported into the District of York River from
the 25th of March 1718 to the 25th of March 1727 from the Coast of Africa

Time of Importation	Ships Names	of what place	Masters names	N ^o imported by	N ^o imported by	From what place
				African comp ^y	Separate traders	
1718 May 26	Booth	Liverpool	Rob ^t Booth		84	Sierralone
June 9	Romsey Galley	Bristol	Chas: Porter		125	Calabar
10	Higginson	London	John Mitchel		169	Goldcoast
23	Peterborough	Bristol	Jas: Edwards		93	Calabar
26	Berkley	D ^o	Fr ^a : Pitt		143	D ^o
July 23	Parnell Galley	D ^o	J ⁿ : Morris		142	D ^o
Aug ^r 11	Greyhound	D ^o	Henry Forrest		182	D ^o
18	Terrand	London	J ⁿ : Hodgson		61	Goldcoast
1719 May 18	Prince Eugene	Bristol	James Goodall		340	Madagascar
	Violet	D ^o	Stanly Harison		128	Guinea
June 28	Africa	D ^o	Sam ^l : Griffith		84	D ^o
30	Anner Sarah	D ^o	W ^m : Britton		159	Calabar
July 4	Mayflower	London	W ^m : Horsey		104	Goldcoast
9	Little John	Virginia	Geo: Lilburn		53	Calabar
25	Berkley	Bristol	Fr ^a : Pitts		183	D ^o
Aug ^r 18	Sierralone	D ^o	Rice Harris		103	D ^o
21	Moorhampton	D ^o	J ⁿ : Maddox		61	Binny
Sept ^r 1	Greyhound	D ^o	Henry Forrest		170	Calabar
8	Colston	D ^o	Hugh Vaughan		123	D ^o
Oct ^r 27	Noblett	D ^o	Rob ^t : Hetherby		146	Angola
1720 April 20	Calabar	D ^o	Tho ^s : Kennedy		156	Calabar
May 11	Commerce	D ^o	David Moor		130	D ^o
31	Berkley	D ^o	Fr ^a : Pitts		160	D ^o
June 1	Betty	D ^o	Geo: Stretton		82	D ^o
July 7	Fiverton	D ^o	Eneas Sutherland		210	D ^o
Aug ^r 4	Hunter	D ^o	J ⁿ : Maddox		55	D ^o
16	Mayflower	London	W ^m : Horsey		109	Goldcoast
1721 April 6	Greyhound	Bristol	Hen: Forrest		222	Calabar
24	Margaret	London	Jas: Cassells		160	Goldcoast
May 9	Swift	D ^o	Matt: Dick		153	Calabar
15	Gascogne	Bristol	Tho ^s : Bryan		133	Madagascar

Time of Importation	Ships names	of wt place	Masters names	No imported by African Comp ^y	No imported by separate traders	From wt place
1721 June 21	Prince Eugene	Bristol	Evan Morgan	...	103	Madagascar
26	Rebecca snow	D ^o	Jim ^o Tygack	...	59	D ^o
26	Sarah Galley	London	Jn ^o Bulcock	233	...	Goldcoast
27	Henneta	London	W ^o Loyd	...	130	Madagascar
	Commerce	Bristol	David Moor	...	124	Calabar
[1-332] / Aug. 15	Otter	London	Tho ^o Foster	194	...	Gambia
Oct ^r 17	Baylor Sloop	Virginia	W ^o Verney	...	117	D ^o
30	Mayflower	London	W ^o Horsey	...	108	Goldcoast
1722 June 5	Greyhound	Bristol	Henry Forrest	...	166	Calabar
July 18	Happy Adam	D ^o	Henry Arthur	...	73	D ^o
1723 May 27	Greyhound	D ^o	Edw ^o Haldane	...	174	D ^o
July 26	Swift	London	Matthew Dick	...	290	Angola
1724 May 7	Commerce	Bristol	Harry James	...	231	Calabar
June 11	John & Mary	Virginia	John Jones	...	135	Hindwardcoast
Sept ^r 22	Little Stephen	Bristol	Edw ^o Little	...	98	Calabar
1725 May 18	Commerce	Bristol	Henry James	...	278	D ^o
31	Dispatch	D ^o	W ^o Barry	...	170	D ^o
June 8	Providence	Virginia	Egerton Butler	...	161	Hindwardcoast
1726 April 28	Betty	Bristol	Jn ^o Bradshaw	...	144	Calabar
30	Chester Galley	D ^o	Rich ^o Bacon	...	144	D ^o
June 6	Commerce	D ^o	Rob ^t Elton	...	143	D ^o
10	Norman Galley	D ^o	Jn ^o Bartlett	...	120	D ^o
July 1	Swift	London	Matt. Dick	...	154	Goldcoast
15	Providence	Virginia	Egerton Butler	...	141	Hindwardcoast
19	Holmsbury	Bristol	Tho ^o Davis	...	135	Calabar
Sept ^r 3	Speedwell	D ^o	Jn ^o Owen	...	196	D ^o
Oct ^r 4	Holley Galley	London	Peter Hannah	...	163	Hindwardcoast
10	Greyhound	Bristol	Edw ^o Halden	...	205	Calabar
				427	8145	
					427	
					8572	

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[A. 933]

A Generall List of all Negro's imported from the Coast of Africa into the
Upper District of James river from y^e 25 of April 1718 to y^e 25 April 1727

Entered	Vess ^{ls} Names	Master Names	when & where built	Owners Names	Of w ^t Place	African Company	Seperate Traders
1718 Sept ^r 29	Eagle	H ^m . Clark	Virga 1717	Henry Harrison	Virga	.....	42

Fran Lightfoot
Naval Officer

[A. 934]

Condensed List of Negroes imported into the Upper Dist^{ct} of James River
from 1718 to 1727

[A. 935]

An Acco^t of all Negroes imported from the Coast of Africa into the
Lower District of James Riv^r from the 25th Apr^l 1718 to the 25th of April 1727

Time of Entry	Ships Names	Masters Names	Of what Place	Quanty Negroes
1718 June 19 th	Nightingale	Joseph Merrit	Bristol	One hund ^d fifty seven
1719 Sept ^r 30 th	Charlotte	Branson Culson	London	Ninety four

Hilson Cary Nav^l Off^r

An Acc^t of Negroes Imported into the District of Rappahannock River
from the 25th of March 1718 to the 25th of March 1727 from the Coast of Africa

Time of Importa ⁿ	Ships Names	of what place	Masters Names	No imported by	No imported by	From what place
				African Comp ^y	Separate Traders	
1718 Apr ^l y ^e 28 th	Impley	Liverpool	Jn ^o Cooper . .		. . . 65	Guinea
May y ^e 31 st	Henry Galley .	Bristol	Henry Smith . .		. . . 99	D ^o
Aug ^l y ^e 13 th	Bentworth . .	Bristol .	Nich ^l Gardner . .		. . . 48	D ^o
Sept ^r y ^e 5 th	Butchfield . .	Bristol	Rob ^t Rymer . . .		. . . 76	D ^o
1719 Oct ^r y ^e 16 th	Impley Snow .	Liverpool	Jn ^o Cooper . . .		. . . 94	D ^o
1720 May y ^e 17 th	Mercury . . .	London	Geo. Christiall .		. . . 466	Madagascar
1721 Aug ^l y ^e 17 th	Calabar Merch ^t	Bristol	Jho ^l Kennedy . . .		. . . 224	Africa
1723 May y ^e 24 th	Shirley Galley .	Bristol .	Jn ^o Scanderet . .		. . . 230	D ^o
1725 May y ^e 31 st	Illustrious Galley	Bristol .	Jn ^o Murphy . . .		. . . 172	Bande
1726 Apr ^l y ^e 29 th	Dispatch Brig ^{ad}	Bristol .	W ^m Barry		. . . 180	Old Calabar
May y ^e 19 th	Jn ^l & Betty . .	Liverpool	W ^m Denton		. . . 90	Calabar
July y ^e 20 th	Content	Liverpool	Jn ^o Moreton . . .		. . . 145	Gold Coast
Sept ^r y ^e 6 th	Illustrious Galley	Bristol	Anselin Bennett .		. . . 189	Bonney
1727 Apr ^l y ^e 24 th	Benidicta Brig ^{ad}	Bristol	Jn ^o Roberts . . .		. . . 108	Bonnida
				2186		

Examined &

Robert Carter jun^r

N. Officer

Endorsed Rappahannock River / List of Negroes imported from / Africa
to Lady day 1727

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Lower District of James River

No Negro's imported

District of South Potomack

No Negroes imported

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Endorsed, York River / List of Negroes imported from /
Africa to Ladyday 1727

Also Endorsed Virginia / List of Negroes imported / From
the coast of Africa, into / the District of York River & /
Rappahannock From ye 25th of / March 1718, To 25th March / 1727.
and into the Upper and / Lower District of James River /
From 25th April 1718, To 25th / April 1727. / referred to in Mr.
Barter's / Letter of 29th June 1727 / Reed / R 55.
Read

Virg^a Apr: 20: 1726^[p.23]

My Lords

I have not had the Honour of receiving any of y^r Ld^{ts} commands. Since my last to your Ld^{ts} board dated Nov^r 17. 1725. nor have I much to trouble your Ld^{ts} with at present, intending to reserve the particular Narrative of the affairs of Government, till after the next session of Assembly, which I have determined to hold on the 12th day of May:

What I have now principally to offer to your Ld^{ts} considerations, is, the inclosed state of the Case between the King and / the Proprietors of the Northern Neck, touching certain fines and forfeitures claimed by them within that Territory, as granted them by the inclosed letters Patents.^[p.24]

This dispute was begun in my predecessors time, and left undetermined: and tho some attempts have been made since to End the controversy by the decision of the Gent^l Court, yet as the learning and construction of the Kings Grants, is a new and untrodden path to the judges in these parts of the world, I am the rather desirous to have the Opinion of those who are more conversant in the law, which may either serve to end the dispute without further suit, or to direct the judgement, in case there / be a necessity to bring this matter to a Tryall.^[p.25]

I doubt not your ^{Ld^{ts}} will judge this a matter of that consequence to the Kings Service, that you will require a very full and particular opinion of those counsell that are employd in itt, and I must also add, that it is very necessary such Opinion be transmitted hither as soon as may be, because there are many fines & forfeitures which have arisen in that tract, for some years past yet remaining unpaid, and must continue so, untill it be determined to whom they belong.

There is one point more depending on this controversy, wherein I begg your ^{Ld^{ts}} assistance in the resolving itt, that is, how far the Gov. of Virga
[p. 26] may exercise the Authority given him by his Majestie in pardoning offences, and remitting of forfeitures arising in that Northern Neck:

For as it would be hard to suppose the inhabitants of that tract, to be excluded from an Equall share of his Majesties mercy with the rest of the colony, it will be no less disagreeable to the people there, to find themselves under the hard circumstance of being sure to suffer the penalties of the law, from persons who farm the profits of that tract: and they paying annually large Sumes, have noe inclinations to forgive or grant any favour, whatever circumstances either of compassion or merit

may appear in their case.

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/This I humbly offer to your Ld^{ts} as a matter necessary to be settled, and wherein I hope to receive your particular Instructions.

I wait your Ld^{ts} leisure for an answer to the Queries relating to the lands in Brunswick and Spot-sylvania; I am the more solicitous for your Ld^{ts} Speedy directions in that affair, because, while matters continue in suspense, the settlement of the frontier goes on but slowly, and the King loses his rents of very large tracts already granted:

With this I send for your Ld^{ts} perusal the last half years acct. of the revenue of two shill a hoghead, that your Ld^{ts} may observe the sufficiency of that fund, notwithstanding the small cropp of Tobacco last year. I hope that sume will [p. 28] be largely increased by this years export, and the promising prospect of the present cropp, which has hitherto been favoured with y^e finest season that could have been wished:

Tho' I am accused of fallaciousness att your Ld^{ts} board, I protest there is no fallacy in what I am now going to report to your Ld^{ts}; which is that the colony of Virga is at present in a very flourishing condition, and a generall Harmony reigns in all parts of the Government, and I will use my

best endeavours to continue them in that humour:

I am with the greatest respect (My Ldds)

Yr most obed^t and humble serv^t

Hugh Drysdale

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Endowed Virginia / & from M^r Drysdale / Lieut Gov^r
of Virginia, dated / y^e 20th of April 1726. / Recd 27th } June
1726. / Read 28th }
R: 4

The Acc^t of His Majesties Revenue of 2^d p. hogshied &c.
 Arising within this Colony of Virginia from the 25th of
 April 1725 to the 25th of October 1725

The Receiver General doth Charge himself with
 the Receipt of the said Revenue as follows.

To Ballance of the Last Acc ^t	£ 3167.	17.	3½
The Acc ^t of the Upper District of James River	351.	13.	7
The Acc ^t of the Lower District of James River	152.	1.	½
The Acc ^t of the District of York River	689.	16.	2½
The Acc ^t of the District of Rappahannock River	437.	8.	1¼
The Acc ^t of the District of South Potomack			
The Acc ^t of the Port of Accomack			
The Acc ^t of Lundry Rights of Land Sold	161.	12.	4
The Acc ^t of Fines and Forfeitures	4.	17.	10
	£ 4965.	6.	4¾

The Receiver General doth Discharge himself
 By the payment of the following Sums. -

p half a Years Salary to the Governor	£ 1000.		
p half a Years Salary to the Council	175.		
p a Warrant to the Judges & other Officers of a Court of Oyer & Terminer ..	100.		
p half a Years Salary to the Auditor of the Plantations ..	50.		
p half a Years Salary to the Solicitor of Virginia	50.		
p half a Years Salary to the Attorney General	20.		
p half a Years Salary to the Clerk of the Council	50.		
p half a Years Salary to the Armourer	6.		
p half a Years Salary to the Gunners of the Batterys & Jam Town ..	22.	10.	
p a Warrant to the Ministers attending one General Court ..	6.		
p a Warrant for Repairs done to the Governors House ..	24.	7.	10½
p a Warrant for Contingent Charges	64.	12.	1¾
p allowance to the Auditor @ 5 p 6 on £ 1797. 9. 1¼ ..	89.	17.	5¾
p allowance to the Receiver General on the same Sum ..	89.	17.	5¾

So that the Sum Disburst Amounts to ... £ 17128. 4. 10¾
 And there will remain due to Ballance this Acc^t 3217. 1. 6
 £ 4965. 6. 4¾

John Grymes Rec^d Gen^l

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Oct^r. 29th. 1725 -

I have Examined the within Acct of His Majesties Revenue commencing the 25th of April 1725 and Ending the 25th of October 1725. And have compared every Article with its proper Voucher produced by John Grymes Esq. Receiver General. And find the Charge thereof Amounting to Four Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty five Pounds Six Shillings four pence three farthings. And the Discharge to One Thousand Seven hundred forty eight Pounds four shillings ten pence three farthings both truly Stated. So that there is due to His Majesties Revenue for Ballance of this Acct. Three Thousand two hundred seven. teen Pounds One Shilling six pence Sterling.

Nath^l. Harrison D^y Aud^r.

Oct^r. 29th. 1725

The within Acct. compared and Examined by Nathan^l. Harrison Esq. Deputy Auditor was produced to me in Council and sworn to by John Grymes Esq. Rec^r. General.

Hugh Drysdale

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Endorsed Virginia Acct of His Maj^{ty} Revenue of 2nd pth hhd
from 25th April 1725 to 25th Octo^r following / rec^d wth Major Drysdale's
L^t. of 20th / April 1726. / Rec^d 27th } June 1726. / R: 5.
Read 28th

Whereas Thomas Lord Fairfax Son and Heir of
Catherine Lady Fairfax, only Daughter & Heir of Thomas
late Lord Culpeper is Sole proprietor of a certain Terri-
tory lying between the Two Great Rivers of Rappahan-
ock and Potomack in the Colony of Virginia commonly
called the Northern Neck And doth claim All manner
of Deadlands Goods of Felons and Fugitives Waifs Strays
Fines and Forfeitures arising & accruing within the
Same by Virtue of Several Charters and Grants herein-
after mentioned Whereupon divers Disputes and Contro-
versies have arisen between Robert Carter Esq Assignee
of the said Lord Fairfax and the Officers of his Majes-
ties Revenue in the Said Colony For the determination
whereof the Said Robert Carter in behalf of the Said
Proprietor and John Blayton Esq his Majesties Attorney
General in the Said Colony have stated a Case as
followeth viz: King Charles the Second granted to
the Lord of Albans, Lord Berkeley, & W^m Moreton and
John Tretheway Esq, their Heirs and Assigns All the
Said Territory by Letters Patents bearing date the 8th
day of May in the Twenty ffirst Year of his Reign
in these Words Charles the Second by the Grace of
God &c

And Some time afterwards the Said Granters
conveyed the Said Territory And all Rights privileges

and other Matters and Things to them by the Said Letters patents Granted to the Said Thomas L^d Culpeper who in the Year 1683 being Govern^r of this Colony made an Order in Council as follows.

At a Council held at Green Spring May 22^d 1683....
Present His Excellency Thomas Lord Culpeper Govern^r Gen.
eral & M^r. Sec^y Spencer M^r. Aud^r. Bacon Col^l. Jos. Bridger
Col^l. Philip Ludwell Col^l. W^m. Cole and Col^l. Matt Page Esq^r.
.... It is hereby ordered and directed That no patents
or Grants whatsoever shall hereafter be made or granted
for any Lands lying between the two Rivers of Potow-
mack and Rappahanock upon any pretence whatever
but by the patentees only and their Assigns accord-
ing to, and in pursuance of his Majesties Letters pa-
tents to them granted bearing date the Eighth day
of May in the 2th Year of his Mat^{ies} Reign and not
otherwise And whereas in Sept^r last Elizabeth Hus-
bands Relict of Edward Husbonds then convicted of
Murther and Executed for the Same Obtained an Order
for Enjoying all the Estate her Husband was possessed
of before his comitment for the Same, which Tho^s In-
regular (all ffines fforfeitures &c^r being granted to the
aforesaid Patentees) His Excellency (now Sole proprietor)
has been pleased, Upon the Request of the Council, to
confirm the Same, So as no disposall be hereafter
made by this Board, upon any pretence whatsoever,

of any such things or any other things granted to the said patentees, by the afores^d letters patents.

And the said Lord bulpeper in the ffourth Year of the Reign of the late King James the Second obtained a further Grant and confirmation of the said former Grant in these Words James the Second &c

By Virtue of which Letters patents after the death of the Lord bulpeper in the Year 1690 Philip Ludwell Esq. being lawfully appointed Agent for the then proprietors of the said Territory did Execute several of the powers by the said Letters patents granted until he was intercepted and hindered by the then Gov^r and Council of Virga^a.

And in the Year 1691 the General Assembly of Virga^a did make an Address to their Majesties King William and Queen Mary complaining of Hardships the Subjects inhabiting the said Territory lay under by means of the said Grants and praying that the Lands within that Territory might be held Immediately of the Crown which would be an Encouragement to the people to settle there.

And about the same Time Margaret Lady bulpeper Thomas Lord Fairfax and Catherine his wife and Alexander bulpeper Esq. presented their petition to the King in Council complaining that the Lieut Gov^r and Council in Virga^a had obstructed the Execution of the said

Letters patents Whereupon his Majesty was pleased to
hear the pet^{rs} by their Council learned The Attorney
& Solicitor General attending for the King and did
Order that the Letters patents Granting and confirm-
ing the Northern Neck in Virginia to the late Lord
Bulpeper should be referred to the consideration of
St. John Sommers Knt. their Majestys Attorney General to
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2 Examine the Ways and Methods by which the said
Letters patents were obtained and passed the Great Seal
and the Validity thereof and to Report his Opinion on
the whole matter to his Majesty in Council whether the
said Letters patents might be vacated by a Scire facias
Or otherwise And that in the mean Time the petitioners
should Enjoy the benefit of the said Patents according
to Law So as they keep strictly to the Tenour thereof in the
Execution of the several Powers and Authorities thereby
granted

Pursuant to which Order the said Attorney General
made the following Report May it please your Most Ex-
cellent Majesty In humble Obedience to your Mat^y Order in
Council hereunto annexed whereby I am Comanded to Ex-
amine the Ways and Methods by w^{ch} certain Letters patents
for the granting and confirming the Northern Neck in Vir-
ginia to the late Lord Bulpeper and his Heirs bearing date
the 27th day of Sept^r 1688 were obtained and passed the
Great Seal, and the Validity of the said Letters patents and

to Report my Opinion whether the Same may be vacated by a Scire facias or otherwise. I have considered the matter to me referred and have heard Council as well on the behalf of the Inhabitants of the Said Northern Neck (who take themselves aggrieved by the Said Letters patents of confirmation) as on the behalf of the petitioners, And it appears to me That the Said Grant did pass in all the usual Methods of Grants of that Nature Except only, that I dont find it had been under the Consideration of the Lords of the Committee of Trade and plantations, And upon perusall and Consideration of the Letters patents themselves I do not see but that the Same are Valid in point of Law nor has there been any thing made out to me hitherto which will be sufficient to ground a prosecution for vacating the Said Letters Patents by a Scire facias or otherwise

Which Report his Majesty was pleased to approve and made an Order thereupon that the Pet^r should be permitted to Enjoy the benefit of the Said Letters Patents according to Law So as they keep strictly to the Tenour thereof in the Execution of the Several Powers and Authorities thereby granted.

Since which the Proprietors of the Said Territory for the Time being have constantly granted all uninhabited Lands within the Same to be holden of them their Heirs and Assigns Reserving a Yearly Quit Rent of

2^d for Every Hundred Acres And have from time to time received the Quit rents as well of all Such Lands as of all other Lands lying within the Said Territory granted by the King before the Obtaining the Said Letters Patents And have also claimed all Lands found to Escheat from any Person within the Same Territory But the Affaire of the Said proprietors falling since under the Managem^t of Various Persons and their Agents being frequently changed they have not at any Time since need or claimed any Deadends Goods of ffelons ffines or fforfeitures within the Said Territory till within Twelve Years last past but the Same have been constantly taken by the Officers of the Crown - Neither have the Said Proprietors Erected or held any Court Baron Let or other Court within the said Territory - But there are Courts held in Every County called County Courts which are constituted by a Law of Virginia and the Kings Comission Consisting of the Justices of the peace of the respective Counties who take Cognizance of all Civil Causes above the value of Twenty Shillings and all Criminal Causes Except such as touch the Life and Member - All Indictments for Such Offences being by the Law of Virginia taken and tried before the Governor and Council in the General Court which is held Twice every Year at Williamsburg without the Said Territory and all Inquisitions taken before Coroners are returned to the General Court Office.

Upon this base the following Questions do arise

1st

What shall pass by the Grant of ffelons Goods in the Said Letters patents of King James the Second? And whether the Goods of a ffelo de se shall not pass thereby?

2^d

Whether Fines imposed by the Kings Courts upon Persons residing within the Said Territory for contempts or otherwise shall not pass by the Said Letters patents And what ffines shall pass thereby?

3^d

What shall pass by the word Forfeitures in the said Letters patents?

Endorsed

Virginia / The State of the base / [p. 52]
between the King and / the Proprietor

Copies of 2 / Charters from K. Cha: 2^d and K. James 2^d / of /
The Northern Neck / recd wth Maj^r Drysdale's / L^r of 20: April

1726 /

Recd
Read27th June

1726 /

R: 6.

To the Right Honorable the Lords Comiss^{rs} for Trade and
Plantations. [A. 245]

May it please Your Lordships

In Obedience to Your Lordships Comands signified to us by a Letter from Mr. Popple referring to us the State of the Case between his Majesty and the Proprietors of the Northern Neck in Virginia, together with the Copies of two Charters granted by King Charles the Second and King James the Second, and a Letter from Major Drysdale late Lieutenant Governor of Virginia hereunto annexed; We have considered the same & y^e Querys proposed in the said Letter.

The first of which Querys is,

What shall pass by the Grant of Felons goods in the said Letters Patents of King James the Second, and whether the goods of a Felon de se shall not pass thereby?

As to which we are of Opinion that by the Grant of Felons goods all goods in possession belonging to any Felon convicted which are within the district described in the Grant do pass, but it hath been determined that those Words do not extend to any debts or rights of Action, nor to any Leases for Years or other chattels real belonging to such Felon, nor to any goods or chattels whatsoever of a Felon de se.

The Second Question is,

Whether Fines imposed by the Kings Courts upon

persons residing within the said Territory for contempts
[p. 26] / Or otherwise shall not pass by the said Letters Patents
and what Fines shall pass thereby?

As to this we are of Opinion, that no other Fines
pass thereby but Such as are imposed by the Kings
courts held within the said Territory; the Fines imposed
at the courts held of the Grantees are expressly granted
to them by the Letters Patent of King Charles the second
and the Fines imposed by the Kings courts held with-
out the said Territory cannot with propriety be said
to arise or accrew within the same.

The third Question is,

What shall pass by the word Forfeitures in the
said Letters Patents?

As to this we are of Opinion, that all goods and
chattels real and personal in possession being within
the said Territory, and forfeited by reason of any
judgment or conviction for Misdemeanour or Felony
and all interests in any lands lying within the said
Territory forfeited to the Crown by any attainder of
of Felony do pass by the word Forfeitures; but this
word is so general and extensive, and the Cases which
may arise upon it so various, that it is impossible
to give an Opinion thereupon which may answer every
event without having the particular facts stated.

The only question contained in Major Drysdale's Letter is,

How far the Governor of Virginia may exercise the Authority given him by his Majesty in pardoning offences and remitting forfeitures arising in the Northern Neck?

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As to which we are of Opinion, that nothing contained in the said Letters Patent restrains him from exercising the Authority of Pardoning such offences, and if the pardon be granted before any forfeiture incurred by Judgment in case of Misdemeanour, or by Flight, Conviction or Judgment in cases of Felony, the pardon will prevent any forfeiture, but if the pardon be granted after the forfeiture actually incurred by any of the means aforesaid, tho' the Offence will be thereby discharged, the right of the Grantee to the thing forfeited will continue.

All which is humbly Submitted to Your
Lordships great Wisdom

P. Yorke
C. Talbot

12 Aug^r 1727

Endorsed

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Endorsed

Virginia

Mr. Attorney & Mr. Sol^r

Gen^l. Report, ^{dated 12 Aug: 1727} upon the Case

between His Majesty and the
Proprietors of the Northern Neck
in Virginia, and a Letter thereupon
from Major Dinsdale late L^d
Governor of that Colony.

Read Aug^r. 15

Read Sept^r. 28: } 1727.

57.
R: ~~67~~

The Acc^t of His Majesties Revenue of Quit Rents &c from the 25th of
April 1725 to the 25th of April 1726 Arising within this Colony of Virginia

The Receiver General doth charge himself with the
Receipt of the said Revenue as follows.

To Ballance of the Last Acc ^t	£ 6212. 16. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
To sundry old Arrears collected by the Receiver General	8. — 8 $\frac{1}{2}$
To the Quit Rents of the Northern Neck for the Year 1725	6. 13. 4
To the Acc ^t of compositions for Escheated Lands	1. —

Quit Rents for the Year 1725.

Counties Names	Number of Acres Paid for	Paid for in Money or Tobacco	Deduction for Sheriffs Salaries at			Tobacco due after Sheriffs Salary deducted	Sold at p ^r q ^t	Paid in Money and Amount of the Tobacco Sold.	
			20 p ^r 6 ^d	14 p ^r 6 ^d	10 p ^r 6 ^d				
Accomack ..	40056	£40. 1. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$				£4. 0. 1 $\frac{1}{4}$		£36. 1. —	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Ditto	179221	43013				4301 38712	4/6	87. 2. —	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Brunswick ..									
Charles City ..	5255	£85. 5. 1 $\frac{1}{4}$				£8. 10. 6		76. 11. 7 $\frac{1}{4}$	
Ditto	2690	645 $\frac{1}{2}$				64 $\frac{1}{2}$ 581	8/4	2. 8. 5	
Elizabeth City ..	21957	£21. 19. 1 $\frac{3}{4}$				£3. 3. 11		28. 15. 2 $\frac{1}{4}$	
Ditto	1124	296 $\frac{3}{4}$				26 $\frac{3}{4}$ 2-3	9/1	1. 2. —	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Essex	179262	£170. 5. 3				£17. 18. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$		161. 6. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Gloucester ..	162933	£162. 18. 8				£16. 5. 10 $\frac{1}{4}$		146. 12. 9 $\frac{1}{4}$	
Hannover ..	196107	£196. 2. 1 $\frac{1}{4}$				£19. 12. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$		176. 9. 11 $\frac{1}{4}$	
Ditto	1317	316				31 $\frac{1}{2}$ 284 $\frac{1}{2}$	9/1	1. 5. 10	
Henrico	283685	£283. 13. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$				£28. 7. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$		255. 6. 4	
Ditto	26223	6293 $\frac{1}{2}$			881	5412 $\frac{1}{2}$	6/6	17. 11. 9 $\frac{1}{4}$	
James City ..	83772	£83. 15. 5 $\frac{1}{4}$				£8. 7. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$		75. 7. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Jesse Wright ..	177026	£177. 0. 6 $\frac{1}{4}$				£17. 11. —		159. 6. 5 $\frac{1}{4}$	
Ditto	29461	7070 $\frac{1}{2}$	1414			5656 $\frac{1}{2}$	6/4	17. 18. 2 $\frac{1}{4}$	
King William ..	197468	£197. 9. 4 $\frac{1}{4}$				£19. 11. 11 $\frac{1}{4}$		177. 11. 5	
Ditto	1268	304 $\frac{1}{4}$				30 $\frac{1}{4}$ 274	10/-	1. 7. 4 $\frac{1}{4}$	
King & Queen ..	228145	£228. 2. 10 $\frac{1}{4}$				£22. 16. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$		205. 6. 7 $\frac{1}{4}$	
Ditto	1758	422				42 380	9/-	1. 11. 2 $\frac{1}{4}$	
Middlesex ..	73126	£73. 2. 6 $\frac{1}{4}$				£7. 6. 3		65. 16. 3 $\frac{1}{4}$	
Nancemond ..	74589	£74. 11. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$				£7. 9. 2		67. 2. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Ditto	60178	14442 $\frac{3}{4}$			2021 $\frac{3}{4}$	12421	6/11	42. 19. 1 $\frac{1}{4}$	
Norfolk ..									

Counties Names	Number of Acres Paid for	Paid for in Money or Tobacco	Deduction for Sheriff's Salary at			Tobacco due after Sheriff's Salary deducted	Sold at p 6 ^c	Paid in Money and Amount of the Tobacco Sold.		
			20 p 3 ^c	14 p 6 ^c	10 p 6 ^c					
Norfolk ...	66232	15895 7/8	...	2225 7/4	...	13670 7/4	5/8	38.	14.	7 7/8
Northampton	40284	£40. 5. 8 7/8	...	...	£4. 0. 6 7/8	...	...	36.	5.	1 7/8
Ditto	65284	15668	...	...	1566 7/4	14101 7/4	4/9	33.	9.	9 7/8
New Kent ..	94171	£94. 3. 5	...	...	£9. 8. 4	...	...	84.	15.	1
Pitto	100	24	...	...	2 7/4	21 7/4	8/5	...	1.	9 7/8
Prince Geo..	178699	£178. 13. 11 7/8	...	...	£17. 17. 4 7/8	...	...	160.	16.	7
Ditto	2181	523 7/4	...	73 7/4	...	450	6/1	1.	7.	4 7/8
Princess Ann	41334	£41. 6. 8 7/8	...	...	£4. 2. 8	...	...	37.	4.	4
Ditto	75686	18164 1/2	...	2542	...	15621 1/2	5/8	44.	5.	2 7/8
Spotsylvania	116254	£116. 5. 1	...	...	£11. 12. 6	...	...	104.	12.	7
Ditto	884	212	...	...	21	191	5/	...	9.	6 7/8
Surry	197846	£197. 16. 11	...	...	£19. 15. 8 7/8	...	...	178.	1.	2 7/8
Ditto	24515	5883 1/2	1176 1/2	...	...	4707	5/1	11.	19.	3 7/8
Warwick ..	38805	£38. 16. 1 7/8	...	...	£3. 17. 7 7/8	...	...	34.	18.	6
Ditto	203	48 7/8	...	...	1 7/4	44	8/4	...	3.	8
York	69219	£69. 4. 4 1/2	...	...	£6. 18. 5 7/8	...	...	62.	5.	11 7/8
								12635. 5		
								£8863. 11. 8 7/8		

and

Arrears of Quit Rents for the Year 1724 Paid in the Year 1725

Counties Names Paid in	Number of Acres paid for	Paid for in Money or Tobacco	Deduction for Sheriff's Salary at			Tobacco due after Sheriff's Salary deducted	Sold at p 6 ^c	Paid in Money and Amount of the Tobacco Sold		
			20 p 3 ^c	14 p 6 ^c	10 p 6 ^c					
Accrmaek ..	250	£0. 5. 7 7/8	...	...	£0. 0. 6 7/8	...	...	£.	5.	1 7/8
Ditto	1855	445	...	...	44 1/2	400 1/2	4/6	18.	...	...
Charles City	600	£1.	...	...	£0. 2.	...	...	18.	...	...
James City	600									
Ssex	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Middlesex ..	160	£0. 3. 2 7/8	...	...	£0. 0. 3 7/8	...	...	2.	10 7/8	...
Gloucester ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Elizabeth City	214	814 £0. 16. 3 7/8	...	...	£0. 1. 7 7/8	...	...	11.	8	...
King hill ..	600									

Counties Names Paid in	Number of Acres paid for	Paid for in Money or Tobacco	Deduction for Sheriff's Salaries			Tobacco due after Sheriff's Salary deducted	Sold at p 6 ^r	Paid in Money + Amount of the Tobacco Sold
			20 p 6 ^r	14 p 6 ^r	10 p 6 ^r			
Hannover ..	100	150	£0. 3. —		£0. 0. 3½		2. 8½	
New Kent ..	50							
Henrico ...								
Henrico								
Hannover	100	639	£0. 12. 9½		£0. 1. 3½		11. 6½	
Prince Geo.	539							
Isle Wight								
Surry ...	450		£0. 9. 0		£0. 0. 10½		8. 1½	
Isle Wight								
Nancemond ..	200		48	9½	38½	6¼	2. 5½	
King William								
New Kent ..	50		£0. 1. —		£0. 0. 1		11	
Middlesex								
King & Queen	500		£0. 10. —		£0. 1. —		9. —	
Nancemond								
Isle Wight ..	200		£0. 4. —		£0. 0. 1½		3. 7½	
Norfolk ..	120 266		£120. 5. 4		£12. 0. 6½	108	4. 9½	
Ditto ..	766	2016	£2. 0. 4		£0. 4. —		1. 16. 3½	
Prin: Ann	1250							
New Kent	870	970	£0. 19. 5		£0. 1. 11½		17. 5½	
James City	100							
Prince George								
Henrico ...	100	1921	£1. 15. 5		£0. 3. 10		1. 12. 7	
Surry ...	871							
Isle Wight ..	150							
Nancemond	100							
James City	700							
Surry ...								
Henrico ...	503	1053	£1. 1. 1½		£0. 2. 1½		18. 1½	
Isle Wight ..	550							
Surry								
Prince Geo:	1090	1585	380½	76	304½	5/1	15. 5½ 119. 1. 6	
Isle Wight	495							

Arrears of Quit Rents for the year 1723 Paid in the year 1725.

Charles City	100	£0 - 2 -	£0 - 0 - 3 $\frac{1}{4}$	£	1 - 9 $\frac{3}{4}$
James City	400	£0 - 8 -	£0 - 0 - 9 $\frac{1}{2}$		7 - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Yorkfolk	766	£0 - 15 - 4	£0 - 1 - 6 $\frac{1}{4}$		13 - 9 $\frac{3}{4}$
Surry					
Sale Wight	50	£0 - 1 -	£0 - 0 - 1	11	1 - 3 - 9

So that the whole Receipt Amounts to .. £ 8983. 17. 11 $\frac{1}{4}$

The Receiver General doth Discharge himself By the
payment of the following sums Out of the Dut Rents

By His Majesties Warrant to Horatio Walpole Esq ^r Auditor Gen ^l eral of the Plantations in America Dated at St James's of 3 ^d day of June 1725	£ 750. -- --		
By His Majesties Warrant to Henry Rainsford for his Annu- ity ending the 24 th of March 1725/6	500. -- --		
By two Warr ^{ts} to the Commissary for a years salary Ending this day	100. -- --		
By two Warr ^{ts} to the Attorney Gen ^l for a years salary End- ing this day	60. -- --		
By an allowance to the Rec ^r General of 5% p ^r b ^t on £2432. 19. 9½ to Enable him to remit the same to London by Bills of Exchange at the common allowance of 15 p ^r b ^t	136. 17. 1½		
By allowance to the Auditor @ 5 p ^r b ^t on £ 2770. 3. 8¼	138. 10. 2		
By allowance to the Receiver General on the same sum	128. 10. 2		
So that the sum Disburs ^t Amounts to	£ 1823. 17. 5½		
And there will remain due to Ballance this Acc ^t	7160. 2. 6½		
	£ 8983. 19. 11½		

John Grymes Rec^r Gen^l

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May 25th 1726

I have Examined the within Acct. of His Majesties Revenue
commencing the 25th of April 1725 and Ending the 25th of April 1726
And have compared Every Article with its proper Voucher produced
by John Grymes Esq^r Receiver General and find the Charge
thereof Amounting to Eight Thousand Nine hundred Eighty three
Pounds Nineteen Shillings Eleven pence three farthings and the Dis-
charge to One Thousand Eight hundred twenty three Pounds
Seventeen Shillings five pence farthing both truly Stated So that
there is due to His Majesties Revenue for Ballance of this Acct.
Seven Thousand One Hundred Sixty Pounds two Shillings six pence
half penny Sterling

Nath^l Harrison D^y Aud^r

June 3^d 1726

The within Acct. compared & Examined by Nathaniel Harrison
Esq^r Deputy Auditor was produced to me in Council & Sworn to by
John Grymes Esq^r Receiver General.

Hugh Drysdale

The Acc^t of His Majesties Revenue of 2^d p hogshead v^e His
 ing within this Colony of Virginia from the 25th of Oc-
 tober 1725 to the 25th of April 1726.

The Receiver General doth charge himself
 with the Receipt of the said Revenue as follows.

To Ballance of the Last Acc ^t	£	3217.	1.	6
The Acc ^t of the Upper District of James River	..	161.	10.	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
The Acc ^t of the Lower District of James River	..	85.	11.	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
The Acc ^t of the District of York River	..	355.	5.	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
The Acc ^t of the District of Rappahannock River	..	128.	13.	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
The Acc ^t of the District of South Potomack for y ^e last year	303.	7.	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	
The Acc ^t of the Port of Accomack	D ^o	38.	8.	1
The Acc ^t of Sundry Rights of Land Sold	299.	—	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	
The Acc ^t of Fines and Forfeitures	31.	5.	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	

So that the whole Receipt amounts to £4615. 7. 4 $\frac{3}{4}$

The Receiver General doth Discharge himself
 By the payment of the following Sums.

p half a Years Salary to the Governor	£1000.	—	—
p half a years Salary to the Council	..	175.	—
p a W ^{arrant} to the Judges & other Officers of a Court of Oyer & Terminer ..	100.	—	—
p half a Years Salary to the Auditor of the Plantations	..	50.	—
p half a Years Salary to the Solicitor of Virginia	..	50.	—
p half a Years Salary to the Attorney General	..	20.	—
p half a Years Salary to the Clerk of the Council	..	50.	—
p half a years Salary to the Armourer	..	6.	—
p half a Years Salary to the Gunners of the several Batterys ..	..	20.	—
p a Warrant to the Ministers attending One General Court ..	..	6.	—
p a Warrant for Repairs done to the Governors House	13.	9.	—
p a Warrant for Contingent Charges	62.	17.	11 $\frac{3}{4}$
p allowance to the Auditor @ 5 p c ^t on £1398. 5. 10 $\frac{1}{4}$...	69.	18.	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
p allowance to the Receiver General on the same sum	69.	18.	3 $\frac{1}{2}$

So that the Sum Disburst Amounts to £1693. 3. 6 $\frac{3}{4}$
 And there will remain Due to Ballance this Acc^t 2922. 3. 10
 £4615. 7. 4 $\frac{3}{4}$

John Grymes Rec^d. Gen^l

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[p.m.]

May 25th 1726

I have Examined the within Acct. of His Majesties Revenue commencing the 25th of October 1725 and Ending the 25th of April 1726. and have compared every Article with its proper Voucher produced by John Grymes Esq^r Receiver General, and find the Charge thereof Amounting to Four Thousand six hundred fifteen Pounds Seven Shillings four pence three farthings. And the Discharge to One Thousand six hundred ninety three Pounds three Shillings six pence three farthings both truly stated so that there is due to His Majesties Revenue for Ballance of this Acct. Two Thousand Nine hundred twenty two Pounds three Shillings ten pence Sterling

Nath^l Harrison Esq^r Aud^r

June 4th 3^d 1726

The within Acct. compared and Examined by Nathaniel Harrison Esq^r Deputy Auditor was produced to me in Council & sworn to by John Grymes Esq^r Receiver General

Hugh Drysdale

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Endorsed Virginia Acct^s of his Majesties Revenues of Quit Rents & 200 shillings p^r Head, / April 1726. / Rec^d with May^r Drysdale's / Lett^r of 10th July 1726. / Rec^d Sept^r 9th / Read D^r 14th } 1726. / R: 18.

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The Acc^t of His Majesties Revenue of 2^d p hoghead &c.
 Arising within this Colony of Virginia from the 25th of April
 1726 to the 25th of October 1726.

The Receiver General doth charge himself with
 the receipt of the s^d Revenue as follows.

To Ballance of the Last Acc ^t	£ 2922.	3.	10
The Acc ^t of the Upper District of James River	532.	15.	11 ³ / ₄
The Acc ^t of the Lower District of James River	294.	17.	18
The Acc ^t of the District of York River	1016.	11.	1
The Acc ^t of the District of Rappahannock River	664.	2.	3 ³ / ₄
The Acc ^t of the District of South Potomack	490.	3.	5 ³ / ₄
The Acc ^t of the Port of Accomack			
The Acc ^t of Sundry Rights of Land Sold	544.	2.	2
The Acc ^t of Fines and Forfeitures	10.	8.	11
	£ 6475.	7.	10

The Receiver General doth Discharge himself
 By the payment of the following Sums.

By half a years Salary to the Governor	£ 1000.		
By half a years Salary to the Council	175.		
By a Warr ^t to the Judges & other Officers of a Court of Oyer & Terminer	100.		
By half a years Salary to the Auditor of the Plantations	50.		
By half a years Salary to the Solicitor of Virginia	50.		
By half a years Salary to the Attorney General	20.		
By half a years Salary to the Clerk of the Council	50.		
By half a years Salary to the Announcer	6.		
By half a years Salary to the Gunners of the Several Batt ^{ys}	20.		
By a Warr ^t to the Ministers Attending One General Court & Assembly	16.		
By a Warr ^t for Repairs done to the Governors House	7.	12.	2
By a Warr ^t for contingent Charges	85.	1.	
By allowance to the Auditor @ 5 p l ^t on £3553. 4.	177.	13.	2 ³ / ₄
By allowance to the Receiver General on the same Sum	177.	13.	2 ³ / ₄
So that the Sum Disburst Amounts to	£ 1935.	2.	6 ³ / ₄
And there will remain due to Ballance this Acc ^t	4540.	5.	3 ³ / ₄
	£ 6475.	7.	10

John Grymes Rec^d Gen^l

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October 25th 1726

I have examined the within Account of His Majesties Revenue commencing the 2nd of April 1726, and ending the 25th of October 1726, and have compared every Article with its proper Voucher produced by John Enymes Esq^r Receiver General: and find the Charge thereof amounting to Six Thousand four Hundred seventy five pounds seven shillings ten pence, and the Discharge to One Thousand nine Hundred thirty five pounds two shillings six pence half penny, both truly Stated: So that there is due to His Majesties Revenue for Ballance of this Account Four thousand five Hundred forty pounds five shillings three pence halfpenny Sterling

Nath^l. Harrison D^y Aud^r.

November 2^d 1726

The Within Account compared and Examined by Nathaniel Harrison Esq^r Deputy Auditor was produced to me in Council, and sworn to by John Enymes Esq^r Receiver General

Robert Carter

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Endorsed Virginia / Account of the Revenue / of 2^d p hogsh^d on Tobacco / to the 25th of October 1726 / referred to in / Col: Carter's letter / Dated 14 Jan^y 1724 / Rec^d April 3^d } 1727 / R : 40
Read

The Acc^t of His Majesties Revenue of Quit Rents &c from the 25th of ^[1727]
 April 1726 to the 25th of April 1727 Arising within this Colony of Virginia.

The Receiver General doth charge himself with the
 Receipt of the said Revenue as follows

To Ballance of the last Acc^t £ 7160. 2. 6³/₄
 To old Arrears of Quit Rents collected by the Receiver General 2. 8. —
 To the Quit Rents of the Northern Neck for the year 1726 6. 13. 4
 To the Acc^t of Compositions for Escheated Lands 1. 17. —

Quit Rents for the year 1726.

Counties Names	Number of Acres paid for	Paid for in Money or Tobacco	Deduction for Sheriffs Salary at			Tobacco due after Sheriffs Salary Deducted	Sold at p 100	Paid in Money and Amount of the Tobacco Sold	
			20 p b ^c	14 p b ^c	10 p b ^c				
Accomack	2171	£2. 3. 5				£0. 4. 4		£ 1. 19. 1	
Ditto	223241	53577 ³ / ₄				5357 ¹ / ₂ 48220 ³ / ₄	5/	120. 11. —	
Brunswick									
Charles City	82748	£82. 14. 11 ¹ / ₂				£8. 5. 6		74. 9. 5 ¹ / ₂	
Ditto	5658	1358				135 ³ / ₄ 1222 ³ / ₄	8/3	5. 10	
Elizabeth City									
Essex	178246	£178. 14. 11				£17. 16. 6		160. 8. 5	
Ditto	2457	589 ¹ / ₂				58 ³ / ₄ 530 ³ / ₄	9/3	2. 9. 1	
Gloucester	162933	£162. 18. 8				£16. 6. 10 ³ / ₄		146. 12. 9 ³ / ₄	
Hanover	186650	£186. 13.				£18. 13. 3 ³ / ₄		167. 19. 8 ³ / ₄	
Ditto	2897	695				69 ¹ / ₂ 625 ¹ / ₂	8/6	2. 13. 2	
Henric	200548	£200. 10. 11 ¹ / ₂				£20. 1. 1		180. 9. 10 ¹ / ₂	
Ditto	122752	29460 ³ / ₄				4124 ³ / ₄ 25336	8/10	111. 18.	
James City	87470	£87. 9. 5				£8. 14. 11 ¹ / ₄		78. 14. 5 ³ / ₄	
Jake of Hight	61109	£61. 2. 2 ³ / ₄				£6. 2. 2 ³ / ₄		54. 19. 11 ³ / ₄	
Ditto	148139	35553	7110			28443	7/9	110. 4. 4	

Counties Names	Number of Acres paid for	Paid for in Money or Tobacco	Deduction for Sheriffs Salary Tobacco at			Sold at p100	Paid in Money and Amount of the Tobacco Sold.
			20 p 6 ^c	14 p 6 ^c	10 p 6 ^c		
King William	202739	£202. 14. 9 $\frac{1}{4}$			£20. 5. 5 $\frac{1}{4}$		182. 9. 4
Ditto	1582	379 $\frac{1}{2}$			37 $\frac{1}{4}$ 341 $\frac{1}{4}$	9/-	1. 10. 9
King & Queen	239885	£239. 17. 9			£23. 19. 9 $\frac{1}{4}$		215. 17. 11 $\frac{3}{4}$
Ditto	570	208 $\frac{3}{4}$			20 $\frac{1}{4}$ 188	11/-	1. 8
Middlesex	73190	£73. 3. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$			£7. 6. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$		65. 17. 5
Hansemond	11211	£14. 4. 2 $\frac{1}{4}$			£1. 8. 5		12. 15. 9 $\frac{1}{4}$
Ditto	131681	31603		4424	27179	8/-	108. 14. 3
Norfolk	10095	£10. 1. 11			£1. 0. 2 $\frac{1}{4}$		9. 1. 8 $\frac{3}{4}$
Ditto	110228	26454 $\frac{1}{4}$		3703 $\frac{1}{2}$	22751 $\frac{1}{4}$	6/1	69. 4. —
Northampton	6510	£6. 10. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$			£0. 13. 4		5. 17. 2 $\frac{1}{4}$
Ditto	98658	23678			2367 $\frac{1}{4}$ 21310 $\frac{1}{4}$	4/10	51. 10. —
New Kent	94893	£94. 17. 10 $\frac{1}{4}$			£9. 9. 9 $\frac{1}{4}$		85. 8. 1
Prince George	78498	£78. 9. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$			£7. 16. 11 $\frac{1}{4}$		70. 12. 11 $\frac{1}{4}$
Ditto	104311	25034		3504 $\frac{1}{4}$	21529 $\frac{1}{4}$	8/4	89. 14. 1 $\frac{1}{4}$
Princess Ann							
Spotylvania	126893	£126. 17. 10 $\frac{1}{4}$			£12. 13. 9 $\frac{1}{4}$		114. 4. 1
Ditto	1700	408			40 $\frac{1}{4}$ 367 $\frac{1}{4}$	6/6	1. 3. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Surrey	34324	£34. 6. 6			£3. 8. 8		30. 17. 10
Ditto	187929	45103. 9020 $\frac{1}{2}$			36082 $\frac{1}{2}$	8/7	154. 17. — $\frac{1}{4}$
Warwick	39008	£39. 0. 2			£3. 18. —		35. 2. 2
York	68314	£68. 6. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$			£6. 16. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$		61. 9. 8
							2585. 19. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
							£ 9757. 2. 1

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Arrears of Quit Rents for the Year 1725 Paid in the Year 1726.

Counties Names paid in	Number of Acres paid for	Paid for in Money or Tobacco	Deduction for Sh Salaries Tob ^c due at			Sold at p100	Paid in Money & Amount of the Tobacco Sold
			20 p 6 ^c	14 p 6 ^c	10 p 6 ^c		
Charles City							
James City	1000	£1. 0. 0			£0. 2. —		£. 18. —

Countries Names paid in	Number of Acres paid for	Paid for in Money or Tobacco	Deduction for Sh. Salaries at 20 p b. 14 p b. 10 p b.	Tob. due after Sh Salaries deducted	Sold at p 100	Paid in Money r. Amount of the Tobacco Sold
Hanover						
New Kent	100					
King William	200	350 £0. 7. —	£0. 0. 8 1/4			6. 3 1/2
James City	50					
Henrico						
Hanover	500	800 £0. 16. —	£0. 1. 7			14. 5
Prince George	300					
James City	50					
Henrico	268	568 £0. 11. 4 1/2	£0. 1. 1 1/2			10. 3
Charles City	250					
Ile of Wight						
Nansemond	365	£0. 7. 3 1/4	£0. 0. 8 1/4			6. 7
King William	675	£0. 13. 6	£0. 1. 4			12. 2
Nansemond						
Ile of Wight	150	36	5	31	8/-	2. 5 1/2
Norfolk	57275	£57. 5. 6	£5. 14. 6 1/2			51. 10. 11 1/2
Nansemond	200	600	20	124	6/1	7. 6 1/2
Ile of Wight	400					
New Kent						
Henrico	500	800 £0. 16. 0	£0. 1. 7			14. 5
Hanover	300					
Prince George	580					
Surry	157	1847 £1. 16. 11 1/4	£0. 3. 8 1/4			1. 13. 3
Nansemond	110					
James City	1000					
Prince George						
Henrico	350	450	108	15	93 8/4	7. 9
Surry	100					
Spotsylvania						
King & Queen	70	£0. 1. 5	£0. 0. 1 1/2			1. 3 1/2
Surry						
Ile of Wight	50	£0. 1. 0	£0. 0. 1			11
Surry						
Prince George	125	30	6	24	8/7	2. 2 1/2 58. 8. 4 1/2

Arrears of Quit Rents for the Year 1724 Paid in the Year 1726

Norfolk.									
Nunsemond	200	48	$6\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$6\frac{1}{4}$	2	6		
Prince George									
Henrico	250	60	8	52	$8\frac{1}{4}$	4	14	2	6. 10

So that the whole Receipt Amounts to .. £ 9815. 17. 3½

The Receiver General doth Discharge himself By the
payment of the following Sums Out of the Dut Rents

By His Majesties Warrant to Peter Leheup Gent: dated at St James's the 18 th of April 1726	} £5512. ---		
By His Majesties Warrant to Henry Rainsford for his Annuity Ending the 24 th of March 1726/7	} 500. ---		
By two Warr ^{ts} to y ^e commissary for a years Salary Ending this day	} 100. --		
By two Warr ^{ts} to y ^e Attorney Gen ^l for a years Salary Ending this day	} 60. --		
By an Allowance to the Rec ^d Gen ^l of 5% p b ^c on £1797. y ^e 11% to Enable him to remit the same to London by Bills of Exchange at the common allowance of 15 p b ^c	} 101. 2. - ³ / ₄		
By Allowance to the Auditor at 5 p b ^c on £2655. 11. 9.	132. 15. 8 ³ / ₄		
By Allowance to the Receiver General on the same Sum.	132. 15. 8 ³ / ₄		
So that the Sum Disbursed Amounts to	£6538. 13. 5 ¹ / ₄		
And there will remain due to Ballance this Acc ^t	3277. 3. 10 ³ / ₄		
	£9815. 17. 3 ³ / ₄		

John Grymes Rec^d Gen^l

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May 6th 1727

I have examined the within Account of His Majesties Revenue commencing the 25th of April 1726 and ending the 25th of April 1727. and have compared every Article with its proper Voucher, produced by John Grymes Esq Receiver General and find the Charge thereof amounting to Nine Thousand eight Hundred fifteen pounds Seventeen shillings three pence halfpenny Sterling, And the Discharge to Six Thousand five Hundred thirty eight pounds thirteen shillings five pence farthing Sterling, both truly Stated, So that there is Due to His Majesties Revenue for Ballance of this Acct. Three Thousand Two hundred Seventy pounds three shillings ten pence farthing Sterling -

Nath^l Harrison D^y Aud^r

May 6th 1727

The within Account compared and Examined by Nathaniel Harrison Esq Deputy Auditor was produced to me in Council and Sworn to by John Grymes Esq Receiver General

Robert Carter

Endowed Virginia Account of His Majestys Revenue of Quit Rents, re/ from 25th April 1726. to 25th April 1727. / Rec^d with M. Carters Lett^r / of 13th May 1727. / Rec^d July 18th } 1727 / R: 50.
Read

The Acc^t of His Majesties Revenue of 2^d p hoghead v^r, Arising ^[1-313]
within this Colony of Virginia from the 25th of October 1726 to the 25th of April 1727

The Receiver General Doth Charge himself
with the Receipt of the said Revenue as follows.

To Ballance of the last Acc ^t	£4540.	5.	3½
The Acc ^t of the Upper District of James River	225.	11.	2¾
The Acc ^t of the Lower District of James River	254.	1.	7½
The Acc ^t of the District of York River	802.	5.	3¾
The Acc ^t of the District of Rappahannock River	230.	15.	—
The Acc ^t of the District of South Potomack	116.	16.	10½
The Acc ^t of the Port of Accomack	—	—	—
The Acc ^t of Sundry Rights of Land Sold	193.	5.	5¼
The Acc ^t of Fines and Forfeitures	23.	17.	1¾
	£ 6386.	17.	10

The Receiver General Doth Discharge himself
By the Payment of the following Sums.

By half a years Salary to the Governor	£1000.	—	—
By half a years Salary to the Council	175.	—	—
By a Warr ^t to the Judges & other Officers of a Court of Oyer & Term ^t	100.	—	—
By half a years Salary to the Auditor of the Plantations	50.	—	—
By half a years Salary to the Solicitor of Virginia	50.	—	—
By half a years Salary to the Attorney General	20.	—	—
By half a years Salary to the clerk of the Council	50.	—	—
By half a years Salary to the Armourer	6.	—	—
By half a years Salary to the Gunners of the several Batt ^{ies}	20.	—	—
By a Warr ^t to the Ministers for their Attendance One Gen ^l Court	6.	—	—
By a Warr ^t for Repairs done to the Governors House	45.	5.	5¾
By a Warr ^t for Contingent Charges	19.	5.	8¾
By allowance to the Auditor @ 5 p ^{ts} on £1846 . 12. 6½	92.	6.	7½
By allowance to the Receiver General on the same Sum	92.	6.	7½
So that the Sum Disburst Amounts to	£ 1726.	4.	5¾
And there will remain due to Ballance this Acc ^t	4660.	13.	4¾
	£ 6386.	17.	10

John Grymes Rec^d Gen^l

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May 6th 1727.

I have Examined the within Acc^t of His Majesties Revenue. Commencing the 25th of October 1726 and Ending the 25th of April 1727 and have compared every Article with its proper Voucher produced by John Grymes Esq^r Rec^r Gen^l And find the Charge thereof Amounting to Six Thousand Three hundred Eighty six Pounds seventeen Shillings ten pence. And the Discharge to One Thousand Seven hundred twenty six pounds four shillings five pence farthing. So that there is due to His Majesties Revenue for Ballance of this Acc^t Four Thousand Six hundred Sixty Pounds thirteen Shillings four pence three farthings Sterling.

Nath^l Harrison D^y Aud^r

May 6th 1727.

The within Ac^t compared and Examined by Nathaniel Harrison Esq^r Deputy Auditor was produced to me in Council and Sworn to by John Grymes Esq^r Receiver General

Robert Carter

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Indorsed Virginia / An Account of the Revenue of / 2^d p Hogthead, &c. from y^e 25th / October 1726. to 25th April / 1727. / Rec^d with M^r Carter's Lett^r / of 13th May 1727. / Rec^d July 18th } 1727. / R: 51.
Read

An Acco^t of all Births and Deaths
colony of Virginia from the 15th of

Parishes	Births				Burials			
	Free persons		Slaves		Free		Slaves	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Henrico	19	15	15	19	2	1	1	3
S ^t . James	18	19	13	12	5	2	....	2
Bristol	17	6	8	13	1	2	1	5
Martin brandon	26	18	10	9	3	1	4	7
Southwark	25	31	11	15	7	10	6	9
Lyons creek	20	19	17	10	12	9	3	5
Harwich creek	28	30	15	11	10	12	5	1
Newport	25	21	9	13	11	9	7	3
Blackstuck	7	10	5	7	10	13	4	2
Upper Jamesmond	9	7	7	6	9	5	2	1
Low. Jamesmond	8	10	5	4	7	3	1	5
Norfolk	42	45	6	8	6	9	3	6
Linhaven	14	20	11	13	10	6	5	7
Elizabeth city	36	23	7	10	8	13	4	5
Harwich	16	24	10	11	6	7	3	2
Charles parish	18	10	5	8	6	10	2	....
York hampton	30	35	15	8	10	6	4	2
Bruton	26	30	17	10	11	5	7	9
James city	9	13	10	16	6	7	5	8
Hestopher	22	25	16	21	5	6	11	4
Blisland	19	21	9	11	5	7	3	5
S ^t . Peters	28	10	10	2	13	9	4	2
S ^t . Pauls	49	52	17	21	10	15	11	13
S ^t . Margarets	26	23	18	15	4	7	6	9
S ^t . Johns	32	25	17	19	10	12	11	19
S ^t . Stephens	41	40	39	43	16	19	13	8
Drysdale	30	20	11	11	5	6	5	2
S ^t . Georges	24	16	12	15	10	12	7	9
S ^t . Marys	16	13	13	7	19	12	18	15
	680	631	348	368	237	235	156	178

of Free people & Slaves within the
April 1725 to the 15th of April 1726

Parishes	Births				Burials			
	Free persons		Slaves		Free		Slaves	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
St Ann's	35	35	13	15	13	10	9	11
South Tarnham . . .	36	40	11	13	11	12	7	10
Christ Church . . .	28	42	17	31	15	12	10	13
Petso	26	18	12	17	14	8	5	7
Abingdon	27	18	13	19	15	7	6	8
Hare	22	33	10	11	7	9	8	11
Kingston	60	54	36	23	13	9	9	7
Christ Church & St Marys	36	47	22	30	14	16	10	6
Northfarnham . . .	30	11	5	8	11	8	3	6
Littleburn	16	14	5	7	14	10	1	3
Hannover	24	29	17	19	10	15	6	8
St. Pauls	15	17	9	7	12	16	4	7
Overworton	19	26	12	18	13	17	6	3
Washington	17	12	11	9	10	16	7	10
Cople	20	21	21	24	13	10	6	9
Fairfield	14	10	10	13	7	11	3	1
Wecocomies	13	17	9	11	9	12	2	4
Acromack	25	30	11	15	19	10	5	9
Hungars	11	13	8	11	10	7	2	3
King William French	5	7	2	4	3	1	1	...
Stratton Major . . .	12	12	5	4	6	7	2	3
	494	506	259	309	239	223	112	139
Total	1174	1137	607	677	476	458	268	317

Endorsed Virginia.

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Acco^t of all Births and Burials
from the 15th of April 1725, to the 15th of April
1726.

Rec^d with Maj^r Drysdale's
Lett^r of 10th July 1726.

Rec^d Sept^r 9th }
Read D^r 14th } 1726.

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